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本作「アラクニド」では、主にクモやゴキブリなど、いわゆる「日陰者」にスポットを当てています。しかし「一番強い虫はなんだろう」と自問する度にどうしても浮かんでしまうのは、やはりカブトムシ。幼少期に刻まれた「最強」のイメージは、容易な事では揺るぎません。

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お手に取って頂きありがとうございます。
この本の作業期間中、急にペンタブレットが壊れてしまいました。
よりにもよって何故こんな忙しい時に…
昔使っていた物を捨てずに取ってあったので事なきを得ましたが、
これがなかったらどうなっていた事か。
緊急時の備えは必須だと実感しました。

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SQUARE ENIX.

アリスのことを待ち続けるめぐみとヨリ子。そんな二人の前に「兜蟲（カブトムシ）」と名乗る者が現れる！「兜蟲」の強さを知るめぐみはヨリ子とともに逃げ出すが…。
一方、アリスは学園内で行われている「蜘蛛狩り」の首謀者で、生徒会長でもある黒川沙羅の正体を知る！そして、「蟲」同士の殺し合いはますます苛烈さを極めることになっていく。

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Sasori.
Suzumebachi.
Riokku.
Kama-douma.
Kabuto-mushi.
Gokiburi.
The assassins within The Organization, without exception,
Name themselves after insects.

...take after the behaviours and traits of insects.
The techniques of these natural killers...
They are not forced to do so.
when they try to kill each other,
arthropods have become the most prosperous living species above ground, however...
Constantly winning the struggle for existence for several hundred million years,
they are truly portrayals of their perfected skills
their skills are sharpened to the point that they can't be compared to those of other living species,

these horrendous insect-like assassins are clashing,
Now, inside this school,
On the outside, the target...
...appears to be just an ordinary female high school student.
However, she is really an embodiment of...
and competing and killing each other, turning the place into hell.
surrounding their targets,

...AN ARACHNID.

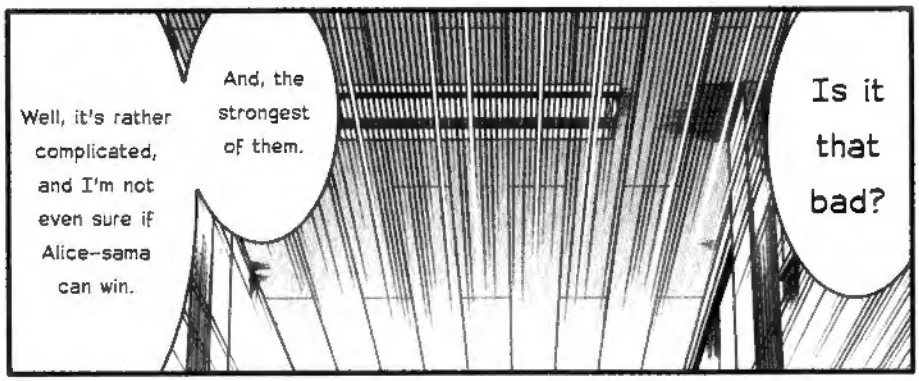
Chapter 26 – The One Who Will Become A Slave Is You, Onee-chan!

Could it be...
Kabutomushi is coming...

That girl from before was targeting Alice too?!
W-What the heck?!

Goki!
Oi!

We're being targeted by some troublesome people.
I thought I told you that there'd be others as well.


Is it that bad?
And, the strongest of them.
Well, it's rather complicated, and I'm not even sure if Alice-sama can win.

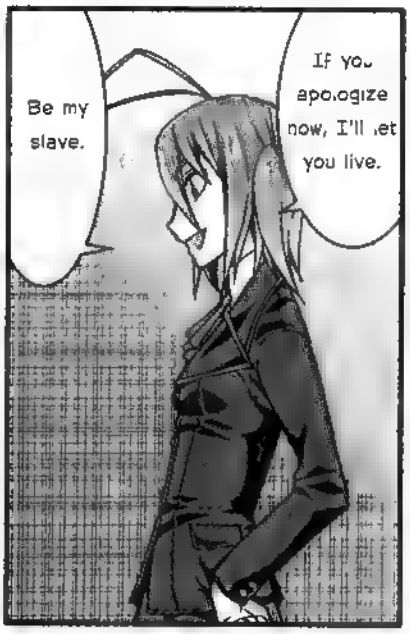
Anyways, a good plan for now...
...is to fetch Alice-sama and flee from this schoo-

W-
.....
Why? In a high school like this, why is there..
an elementary school kid?
What I hate the most...
...are people who are full of themselves.

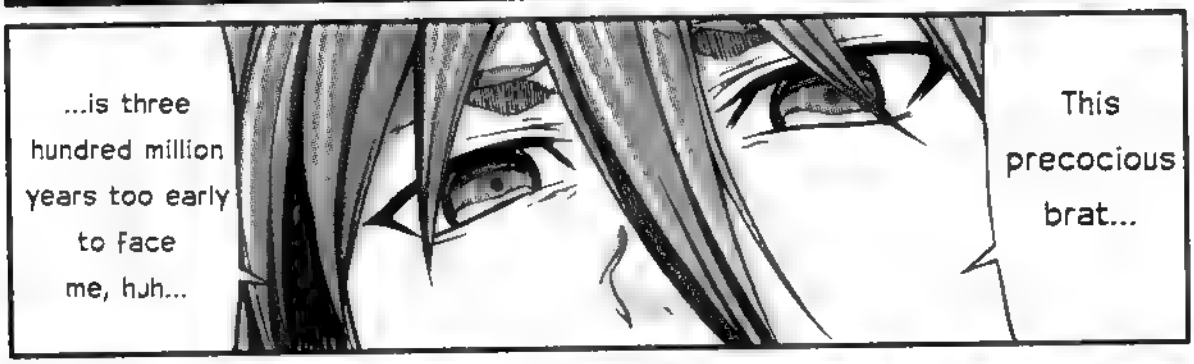
are
Fleeting,
Fragile,
and easily
changing
and yet...
People's
emotions,
actions and
abilities...
What
are you
trying
to say?
Huh?
With
that
said...
there are
people who
actually
believe they
are invincible.
the one who
believes, "my
speed cannot
be matched"...
...Is cockroach
girl, right?

Gya–
It seems some little sh t fell on the f.oor, so. .
Don't drop me so suddenly!
Bitch ...
When insects bump into one another, it's common courtesy to ident.fy yourse.f
Stupid brat.
I think I'm going to clean it up, heh...

TL Note: She's saying he's a tool.



...is you, Onee-chan!
The one who's going to become a slave...


...is three hundred million years too early to face me, huh...
This precocious brat...

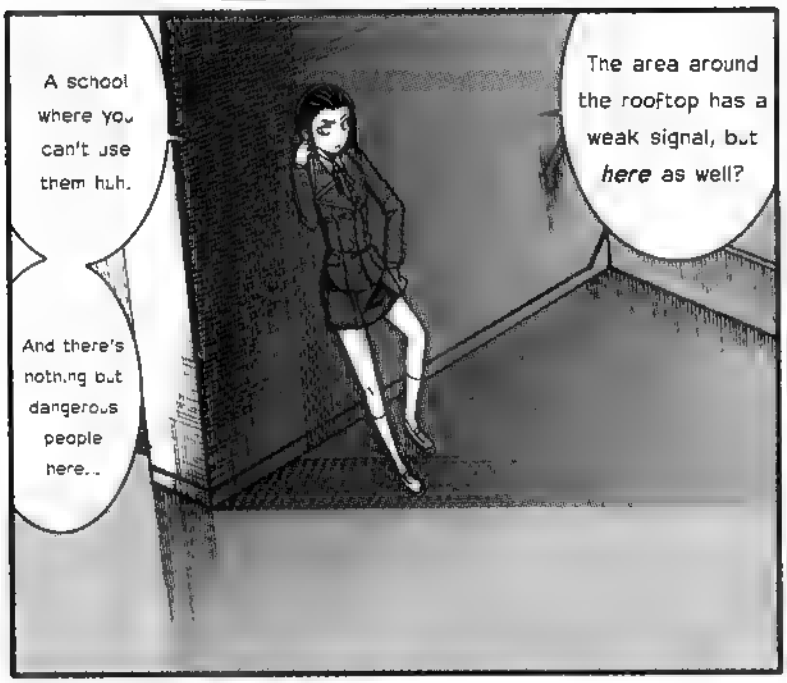
AIR DETECTION.

!?
Revealed your panties!!!
Hah!
not being able to follow every possible movement is...
With my Air Detection,
!!
That's impossi–
And didn't I tell you already?

You are full of yourself.

Right now, a part of the air around us.
It's mixed with Venom Nerve.
s filled with nerve gas that inhibits the neurotransmitter acetylcholin
For an opposing insect whose indispensible sensing ability has been sealed...
Doubtlessly believing in yourself...
it's not at a level where it can drive an ordinary person insane
However with such a minuscule amount,

T–
This brat–
...take effect immediately.
...It'll surely...


A school where you can't use them huh.
And there's nothing but dangerous people here...
The area around the rooftop has a weak signal, but *here* as well?

She's really not answering...
Shit...

Hello, Alice?
Ah! She picked up!

The situation is extremely dangerous!
Bitch, I should be the one asking where you are!

Where are you right now?!
Tajima-san!!

Our location is the first floor of the west school build n-
Hurry up and come save us
Huh?
Give t back.
What're you-
Wha!
Hey!

ドン
Gah-

ジ"ジ"
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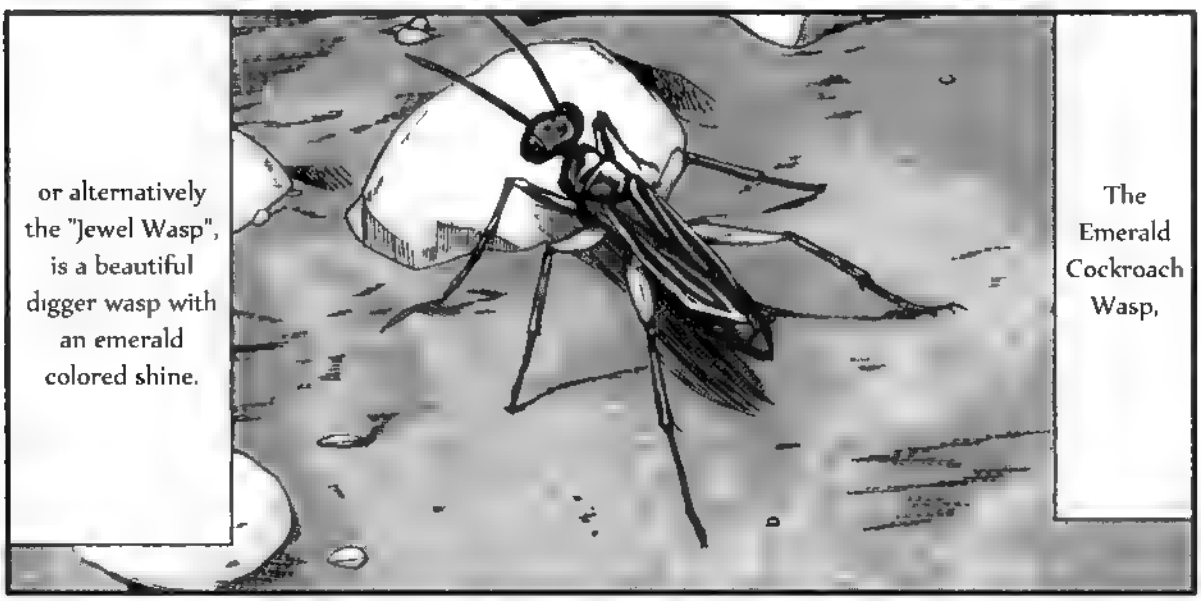
From the needle pierced into your vertebral column,
Venom Wave Generator.
ジジジジジ
ジジジジ
your cerebrum's prefrontal cortex, which governs your recognition and judgment, so it...
special microwaves penetrate into...
...a person's consciousness and actions.
...allows you to completely control...

there exists a type that can manipulate cockroaches.

Within their species,

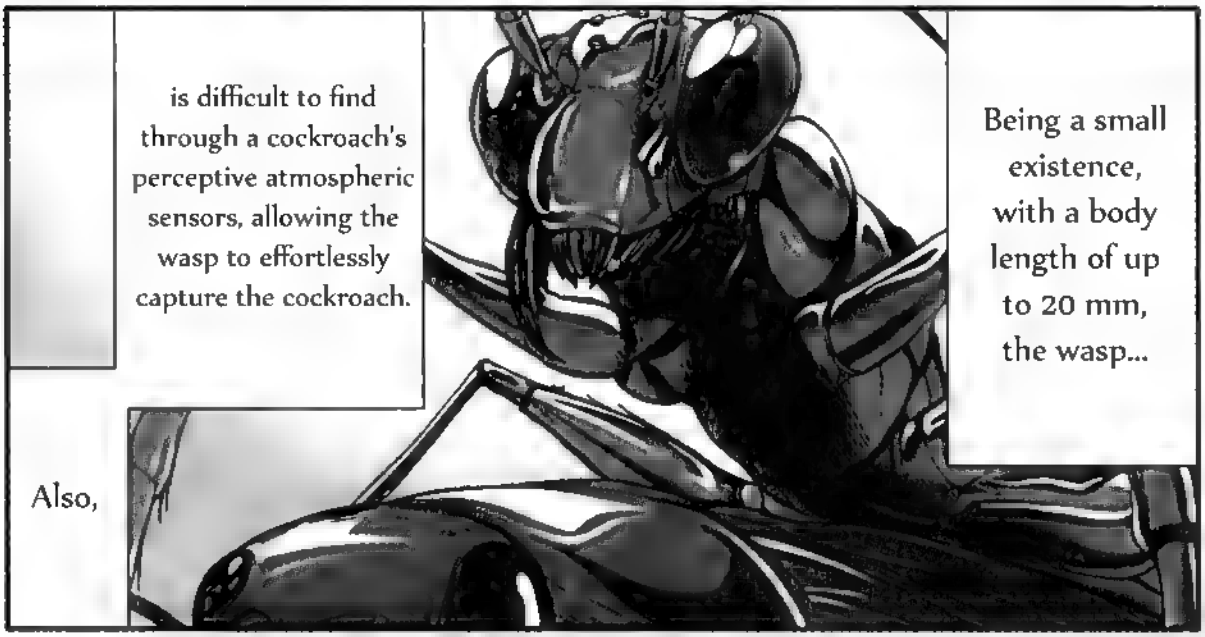
Parasitic wasps that hunt grasshoppers and crickets and lay eggs within them.

Anabachi, or Digger Wasp.



or alternatively the "Jewel Wasp", is a beautiful digger wasp with an emerald colored shine.

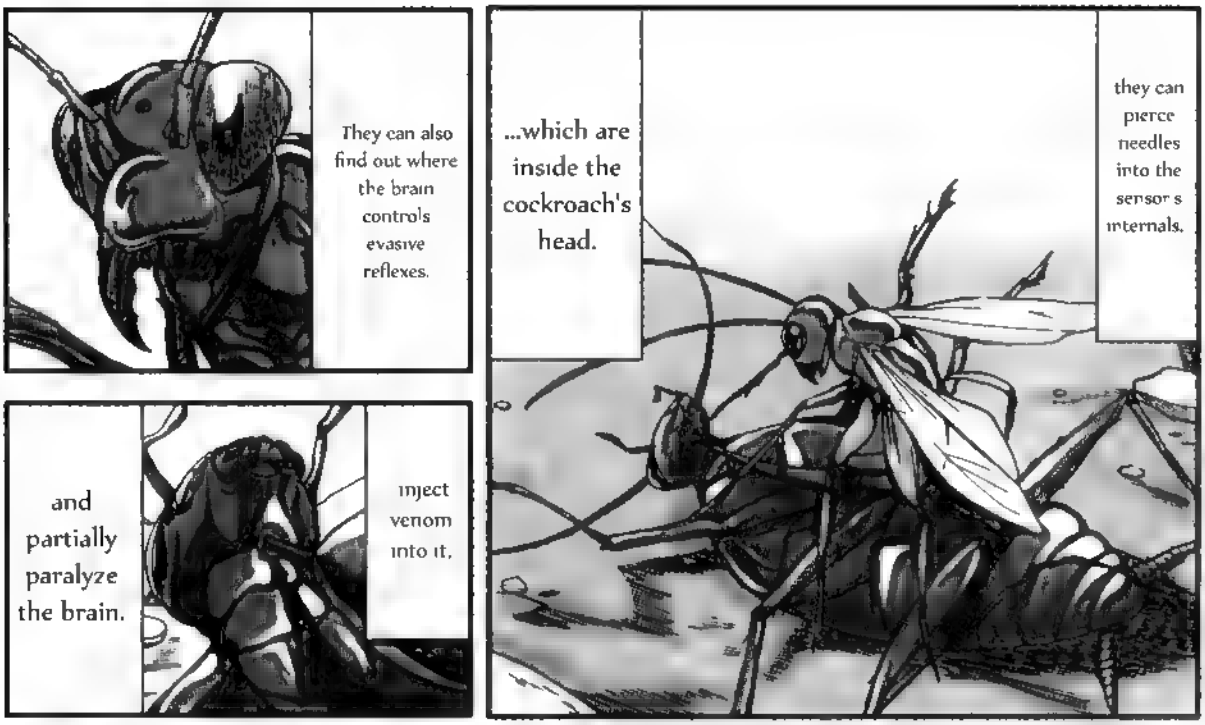
The Emerald Cockroach Wasp,



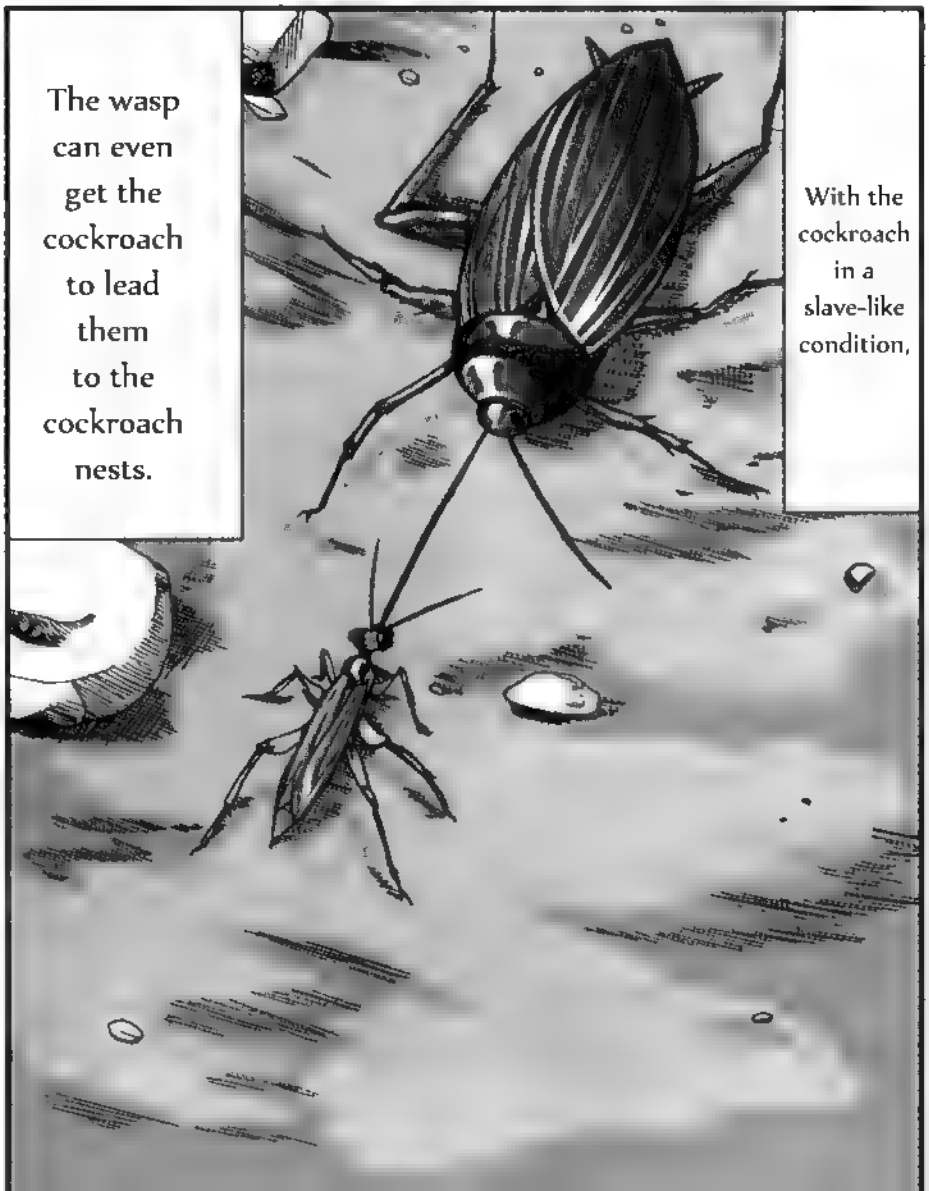
Also,

is difficult to find through a cockroach's perceptive atmospheric sensors, allowing the wasp to effortlessly capture the cockroach.

Being a small existence, with a body length of up to 20 mm, the wasp...


They can also find out where the brain controls evasive reflexes.
...which are inside the cockroach's head.
they can pierce needles into the sensor s internals.
and partially paralyze the brain.
inject venom into it,

The evolution of the digger wasp is shrouded in mystery.



...is difficult to explain because it only relies on the general idea of "survival of the fittest"

The history

so how did people end up acquiring the technical expertise of sophisticated surgical procedures?

Insects can't be differentiated without knowledge of their taxonomy or anatomy,

became one of the foundations for Jean-Henri Fabre's rejection of the "Theory of Evolution".

The existence of the digger wasp...

TL Note: "Goki" from "Gokiburi" "ko (子)" young girl, kid

Come with me, 「Goki-ko」

For the time being, let's take her to a place which people can't see.

The instruction for you to kill hasn't been given yet.

fuaa...

Alice
-sama...
♡
Under-
stood~

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Sniff
Sniff
There really is no one left...
Mmm...
Ah–
Found you...

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一匹の「蜘蛛」に
群がる、
数多の蟲!!
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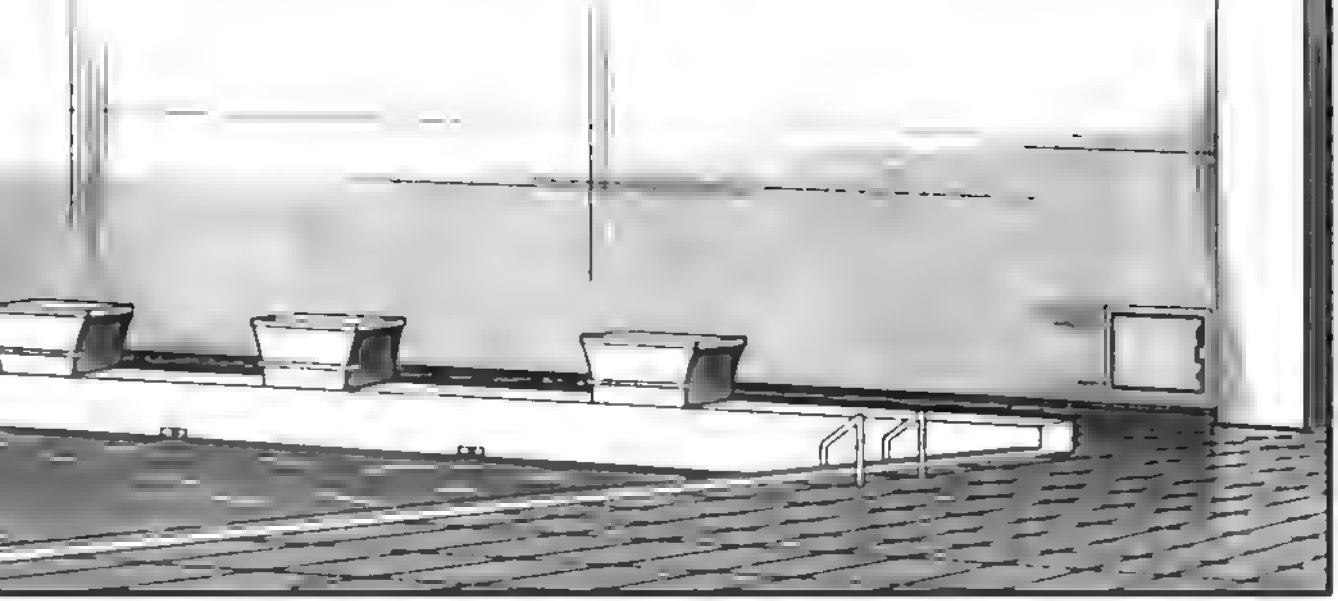

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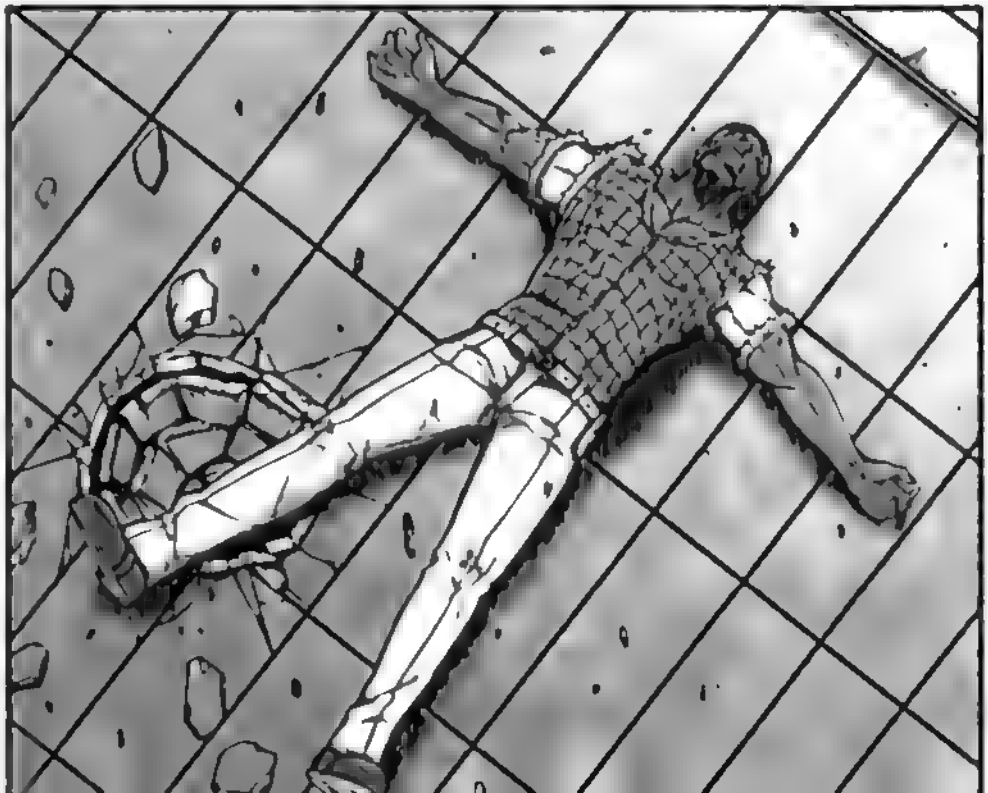
yet.



I'm...
...Not done yet.

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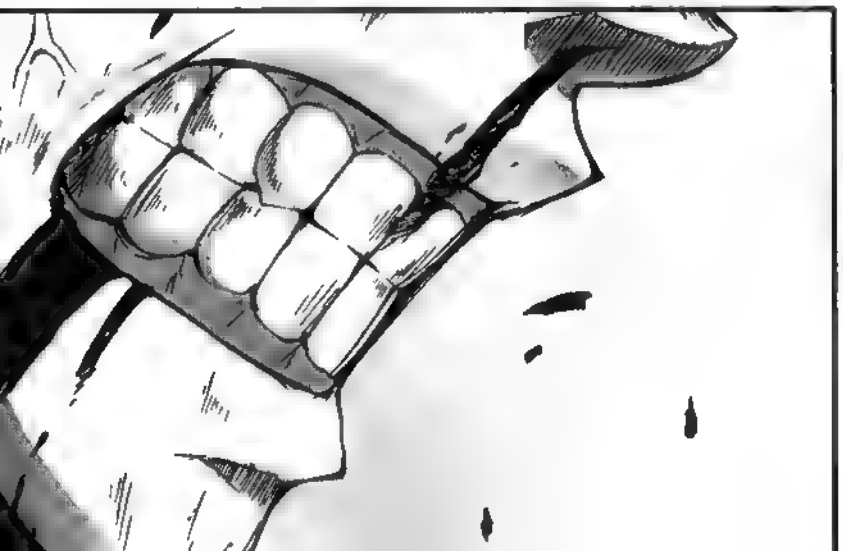

SFX: HEAVY BREATHING
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ハアッ
One after another...
フゥー…
Damn... Another one.
フゥー…
キュイ
Where did he hide himself..?!
Where?!
The battle has already started.
Moreover,

Riokku fights on instinct.

……
フゥー
フゥー…

Even if we assume he has lost consciousness,
there is a chance he is able to counter-attack

キィイ
I forgot to say.

Who are you?

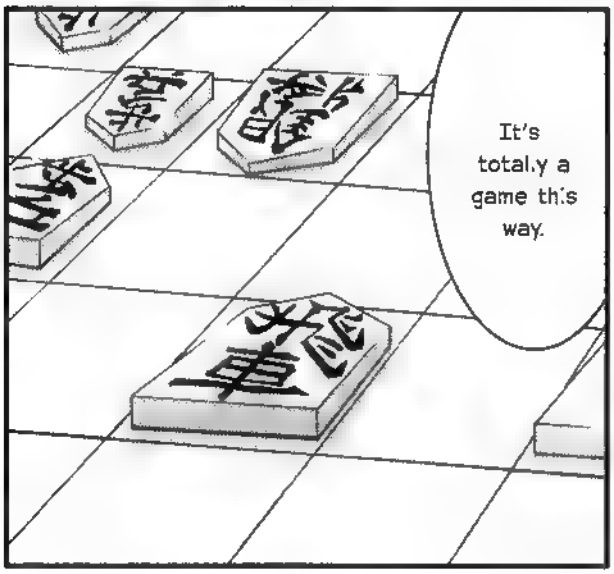
I am Kirigirisu.
One who glorifies love of freedom.

So you're another damned hyena aiming for the prize money
Hmph.

Don't you think it's strange?
About that,

.....

But by placing prize money on the table ..
If you put your mind to it, you could easily kill her.
...and designating times and places...
YAMATO GINKO


It's totally a game this way.

But, the enemy is only a single young girl
Indeed, she has inherited Kumo's techniques,

I don't have any solid evidence, however ..
What are you trying to say?
.....
I found someone who enjoys watching these insects kill each other.
Using The Organization's resources...
But there is one thing I do know
I'm not sure
Who did that and why?
What the heck .

seems to revolve around Fujii Alice being the main target.
All of it

Of course, as expected.
Hmph.

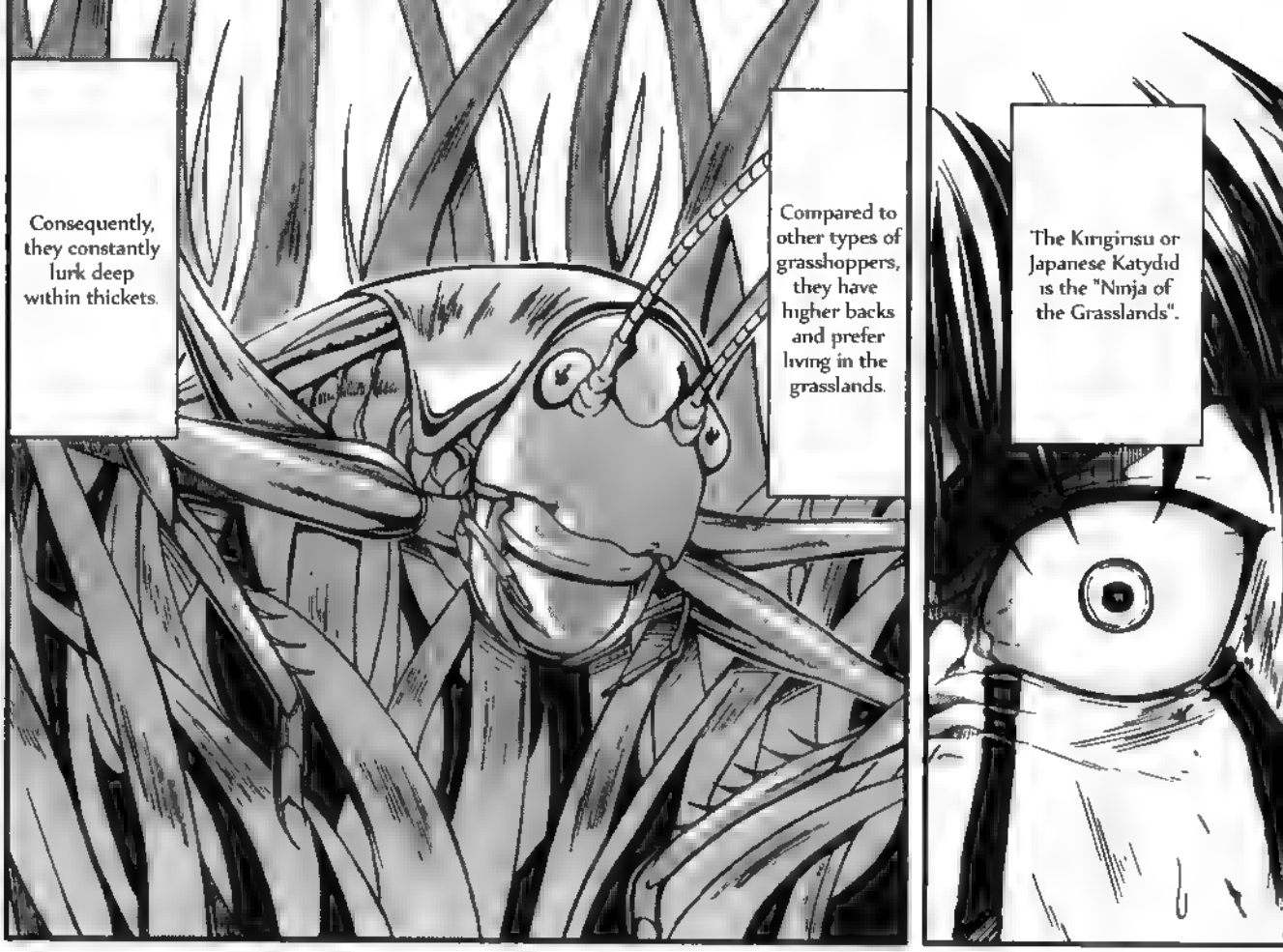
And where are you going?

But swarming that girl
are insects probably more dangerous than Rokku...

I'm going to ask Fujii Alice, personally
Obviously,

If anyone gets in my way, I'll destroy them

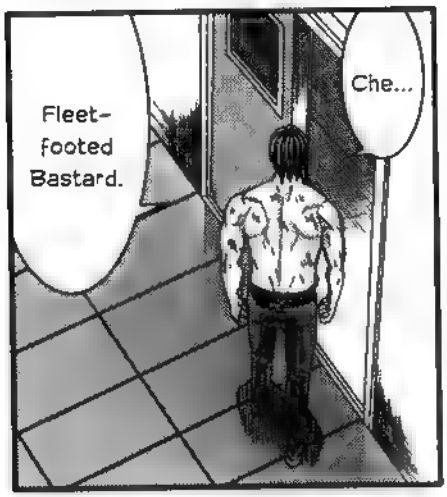
Even you are not an exceptio-
Kinginsu,


Consequently, they constantly lurk deep within thickets.
Compared to other types of grasshoppers, they have higher backs and prefer living in the grasslands.
The Kinginsu or Japanese Katydid is the "Ninja of the Grasslands".

they are extremely difficult to find.
Forced to creep deeper and deeper into thickets

because even if they sense danger, they are unable to instantly react by jumping or flying like a Kamadouma
This behaviour shows how extremely cautious they are.

But among specialists, experienced in gathering...


Fleet-footed Bastard.
Che...

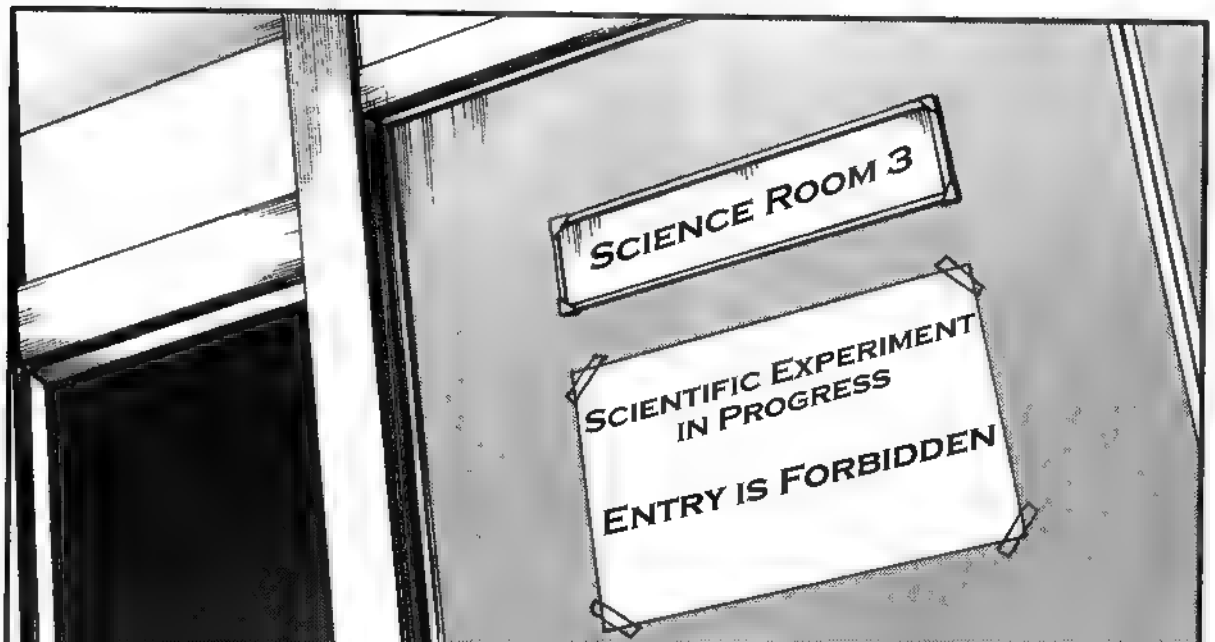
However, if I try thinking about it...

when they rub their wings rub against each other, creating chirping sounds.
...it is said that you can identify the presense of a Kirigirisu

That girl...

...and targeting The Organization ...
Killing Kumo...
That is all I know about Fujii Alice.

the hell is she..?
What...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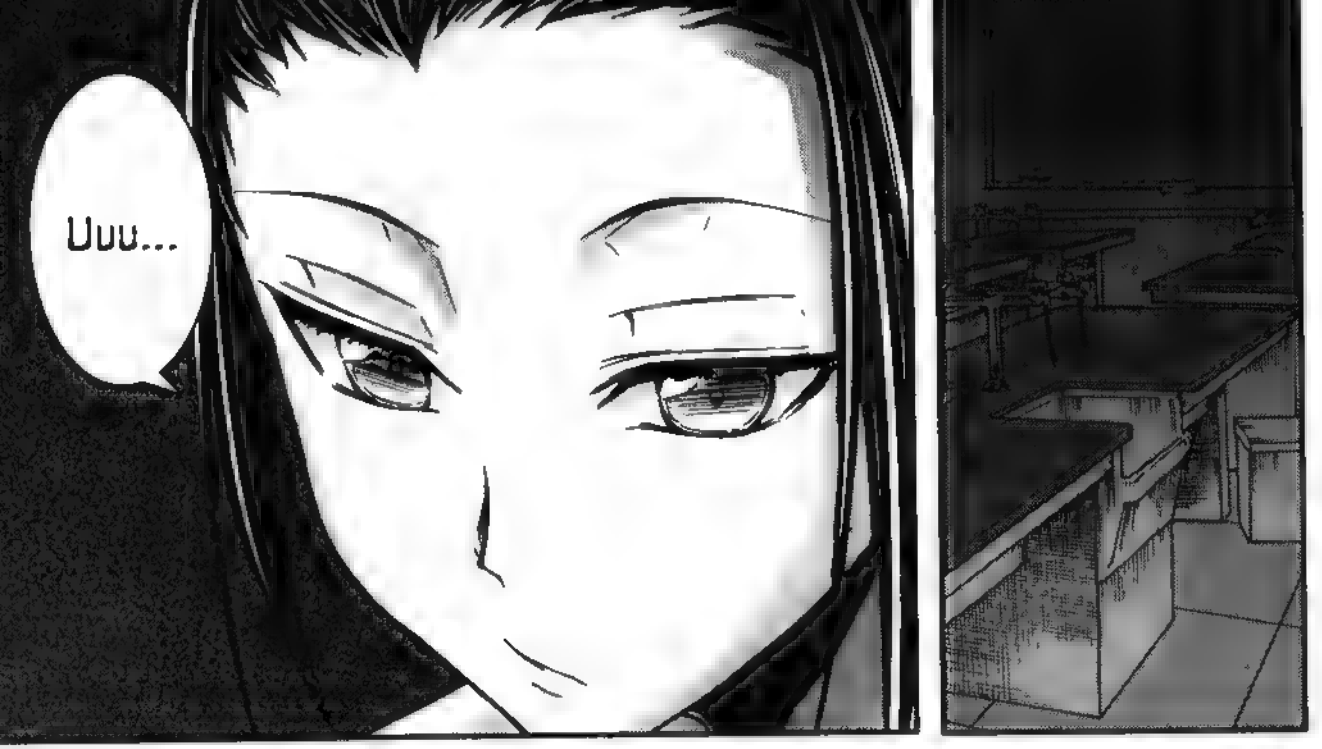
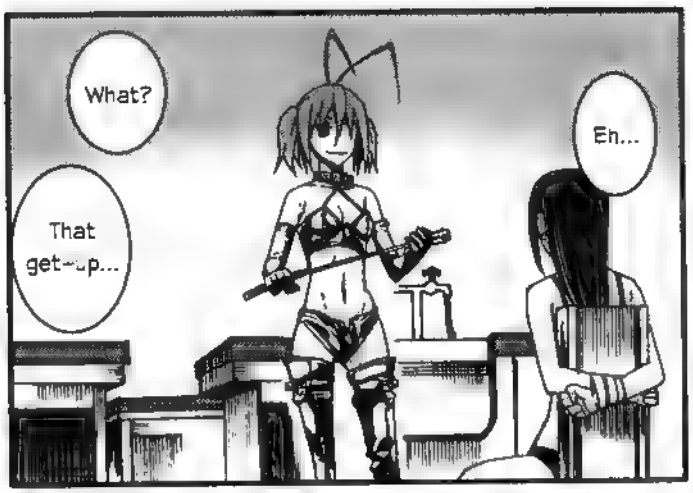
Scientific Experiment in Progress
Entry is Forbidden

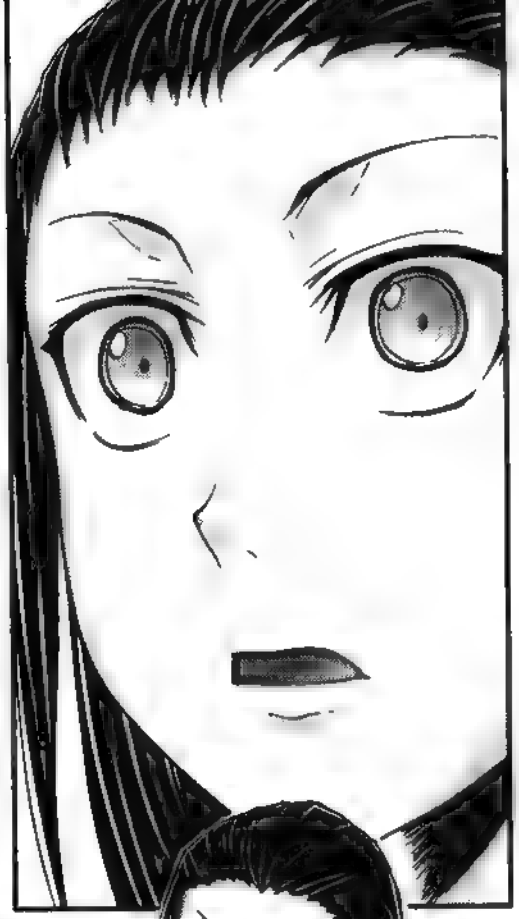

Uuu...

Where am I..?
Nnnuuu...

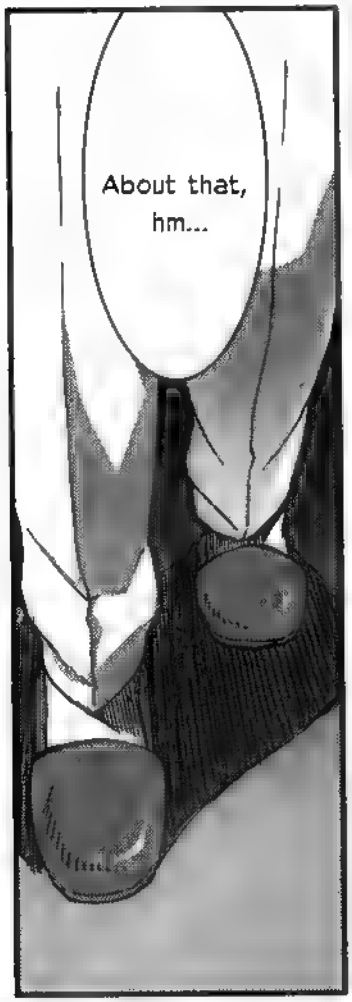
Oya!

Looks like you're awake ~


What?
Eh...
That get-up...



HM, WHA..!


About that, hm...

WHY IN THE WORLD AM I DRESSED LIKE THIS?!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!

Frankly,
it's my hobby.

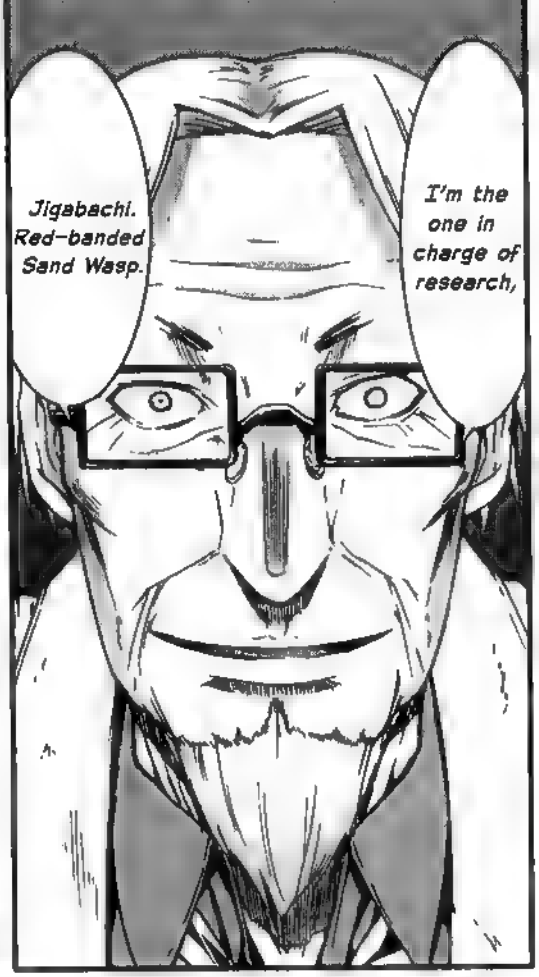
I'll have you cooperate with me.
For the sake of my persona. research,

...that was what I was told, hm...
"You can do anything as long as you don't kill her"

I forgot to say.

What're you sayin ..
Ah?
Wait, who are you?

Anabachi! Digger Wasp!
And I'm the one in charge of fighting,


Jigabachi. Red-banded Sand Wasp.
I'm the one in charge of research,

Insects working together as a team!
We are both in a single group!

BITCH, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
OI, GOKI!
DIDN'T YOU GO TO WHERE ALICE WAS?!

Just what the hell happened?!
He was the asshole in the hallway earlier...

That brat...

If you're talking about Alice-sama
Huh?

Isn't she right there...
Hun?
.....
Useless!
Nothing you say will go through!
Human beings controlled by the Jigabachi's Venom Web Generator...
...Impose the image of the one they love most onto the user...
....turning them into obedient slaves!
It's called ...

...Venom Enslavement!
にゃん
Now, shall we begin?
Well then.
The topic of this experiment is very simple.
For humans...

How much electricity is actually needed
to bring about abnormalities in their minds?

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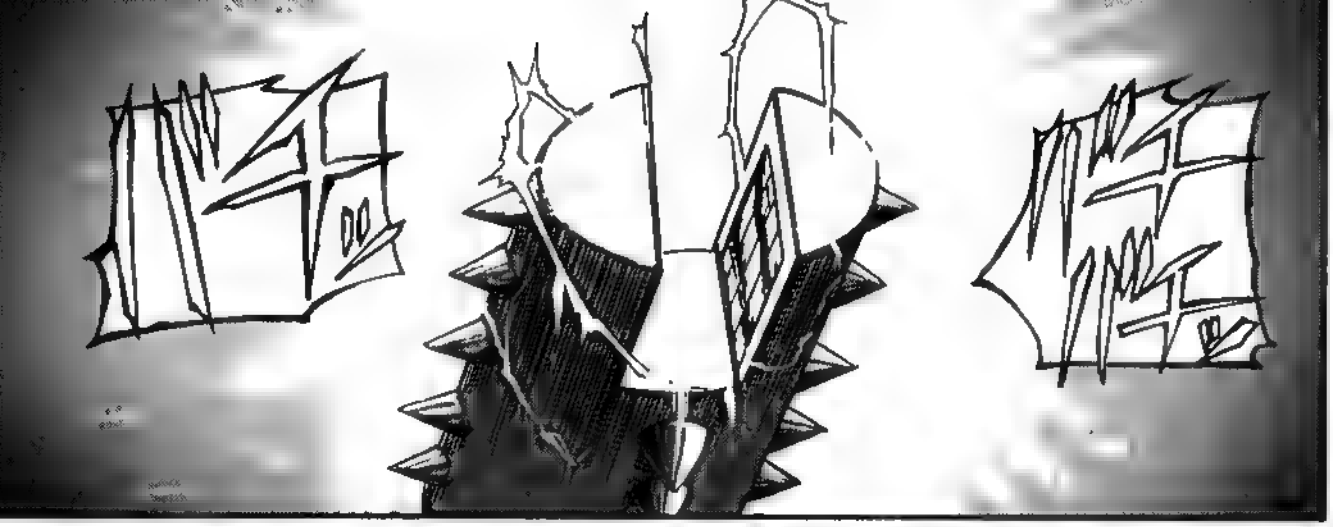
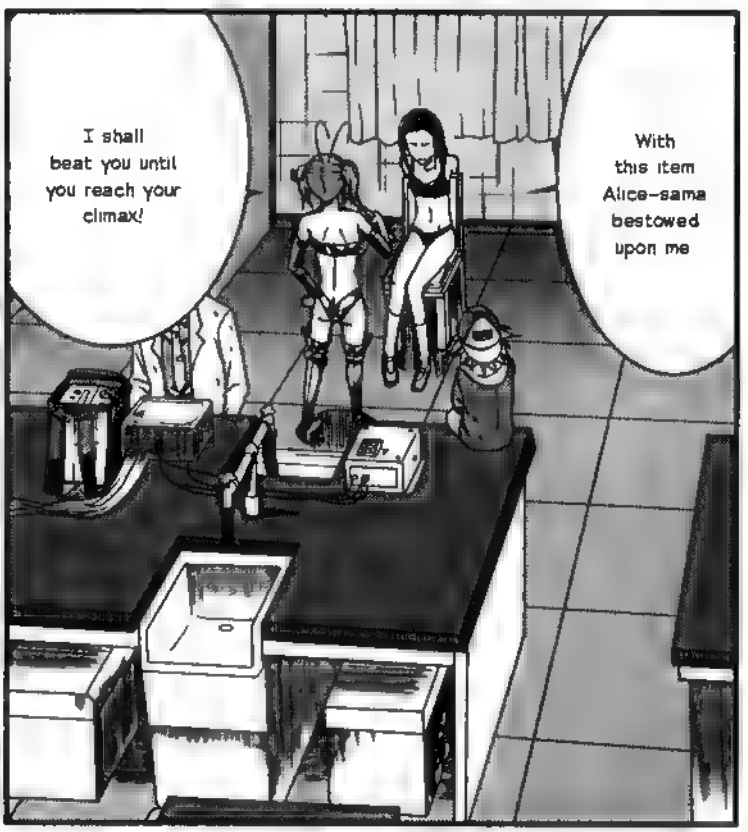


Venom Rod.

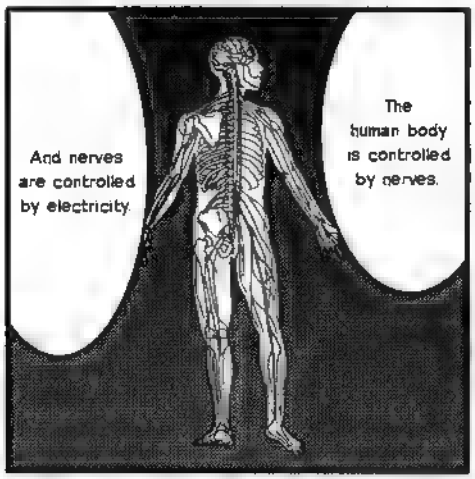
I was an idiot for trusting you, bitch...
Shit.

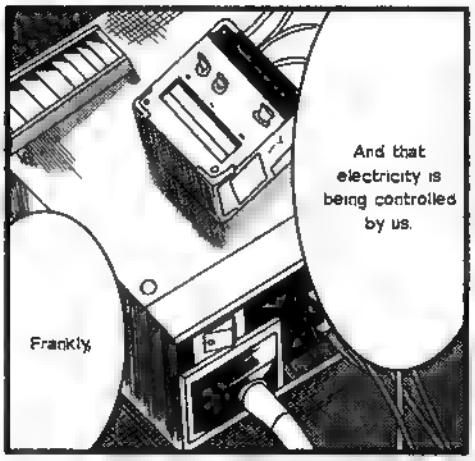
Ahh...
How wonderful, this reaction... ♡


I shall beat you until you reach your climax!
With this item Alice-sama bestowed upon me

Chapter 28: I Can't Just Let Her Die

It's useless, no matter what you say.


The human body is controlled by nerves.
And nerves are controlled by electricity.


And that electricity is being controlled by us.
Frankly,

She's a perfect slave.
This girl already has her nerves fully controlled from the top of her head to her very toes.

T/N: This is actually wrong; Wikipedia states it's a species of it's own family but with digger wasps included. Basically, the direction is wrong.

the Jigabachi's prey...

While the digger wasps hunt crickets, grasshoppers, & cockroaches

they are wasps with the ability to turn their prey into living corpses without killing them.

Hunting the same prey as the digger wasp,

Or namely, catepillars.

...is moth larvae.

So then, what do they do?

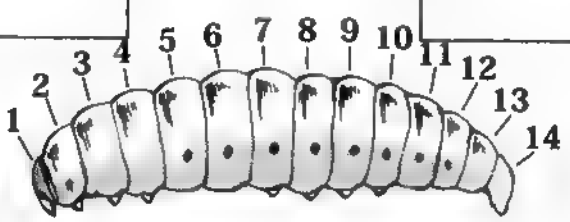
Naturally, they cannot be killed from a single sting.

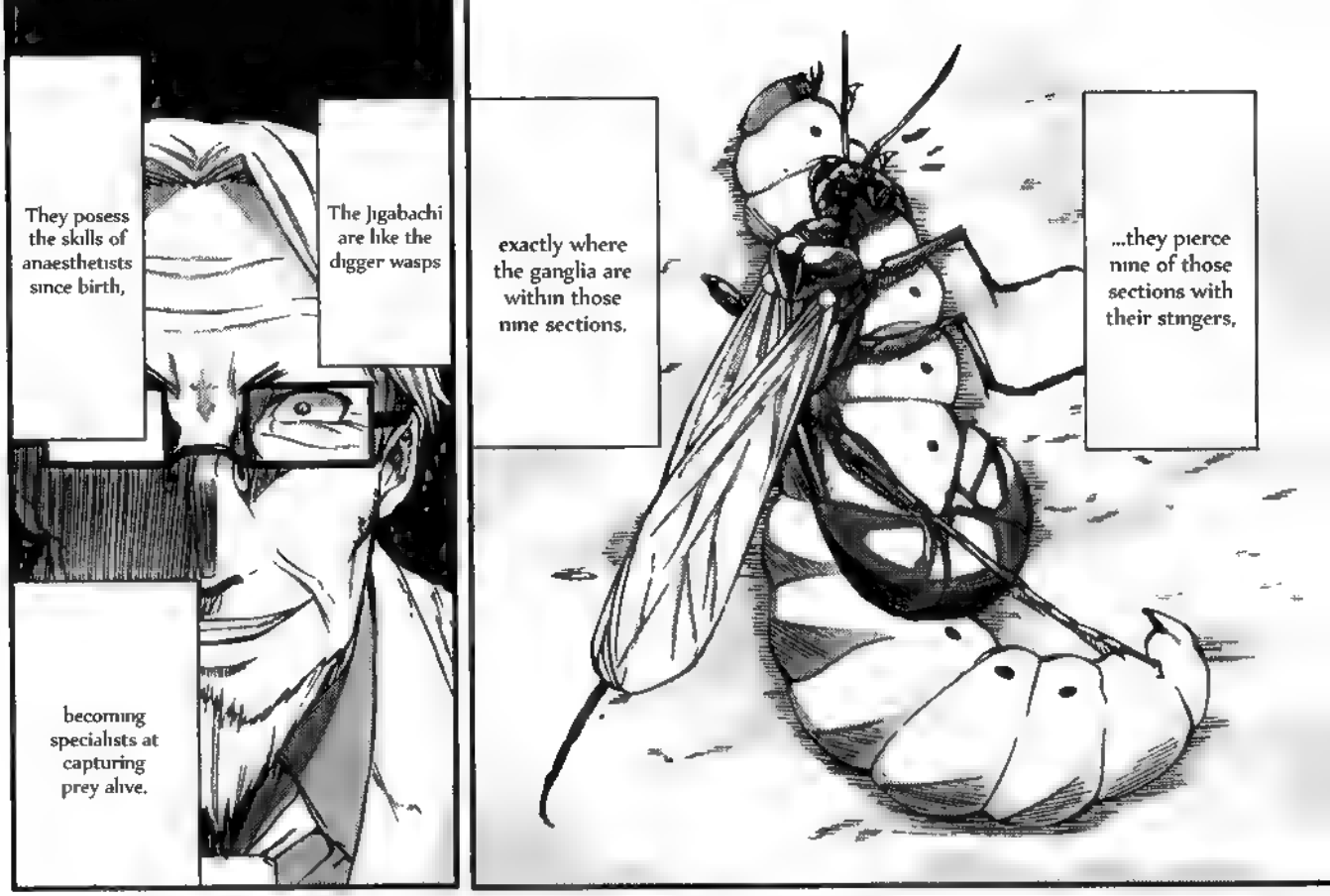
After they straddle a caterpillar and pin it down with their huge jaws...

The Jigabachi know the answer

In all of them, there are independent ganglia.

The catepillar's body is split into 14 sections




They posess the skills of anaesthetists since birth,
The Jigabachi are like the digger wasps
becoming specialists at capturing prey alive.
exactly where the ganglia are within those nine sections.
...they pierce nine of those sections with their stingers,

should she be punished first~?
Where

Alice-sama

Then the area that seems to conduct electricity the best.
Yeah huh

Kukuku.
Mmm, understood, hehe~

Why don't 'cha try punishing those clumps of fat first then.
!

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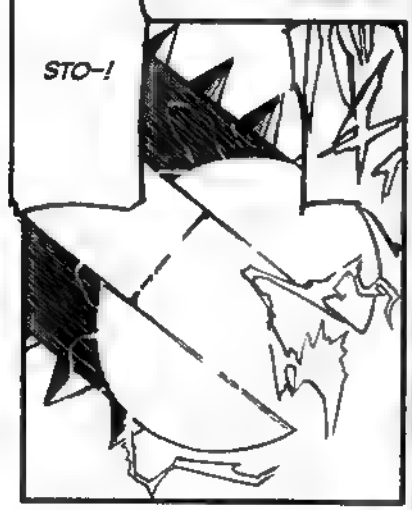
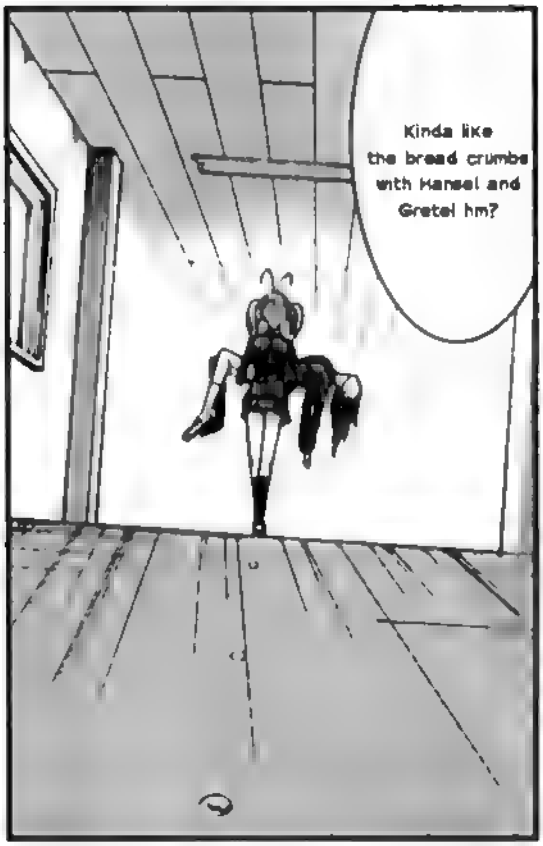

STO-!

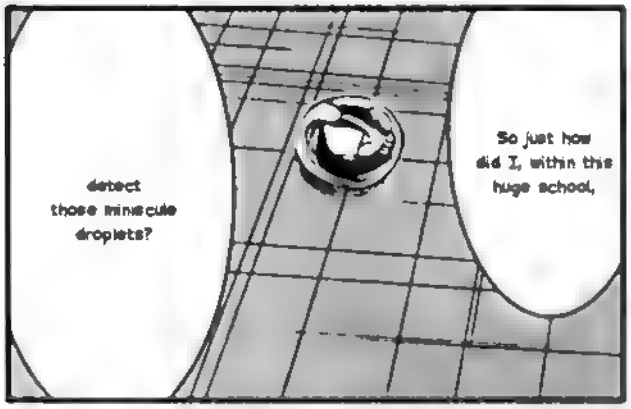
I'm gonna burn 'em pitch black~♡
Heeeyyy~

I have been searchin', Goki-chan! ♡
Found'ja!
Come along with Onee-san now!
'Kay!

Why did you come here?
Kabutomushi.
She is...
S-
This is quite the unusual visitor
I was the one who trained that girl.
How did you get to this room?
Or rather
I couldn't find any sort of tracking device on her
I searched everywhere on Gokiburi's body yet.


Kinda like the bread crumbs with Hansel and Gretel hm?

I've trained her to automatically leave footsteps even when she's unconscious.
The second she falls into a predicament, her "Oilpiration" ability will immediately come into action.


So just how did I, within this huge school,
detect those minscule droplets?

Well I...
...am quite sensitive to the scent of nectar, you know?

Kabutomushi or the Rhinoceros Beetles, search for bait with their sense of smell.

By utilizing knowledge of that property,

it is very popular for people to make a trap using nectar to collect these kabutomushi, however...

You cannot lure them in with fruit or honey or sugary water.

That is because...

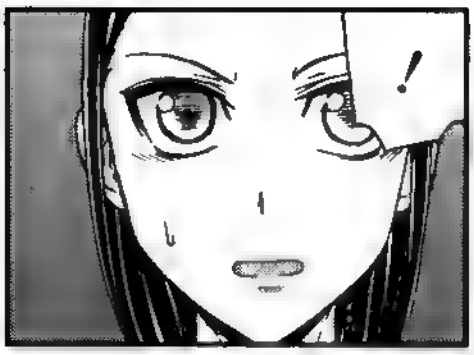
...they are able to differentiate the scents of the sugar content of sap...

...made in ethanol or acetic acid, or basically, sake.

If you try zooming in on kabutomushi's antennae...

.. that are attracted to fermented ingredients...

which bears an infinite number of large, wide sensory pores on their tips.
You can learn of the thing that becomes the sensor for their sense of smell,
...I see.
スイ...
If you understand, then could you give her back?
For one thing, that girl...
On the contrary was a blind spot.
Using such an analog messaging method in this digital age...

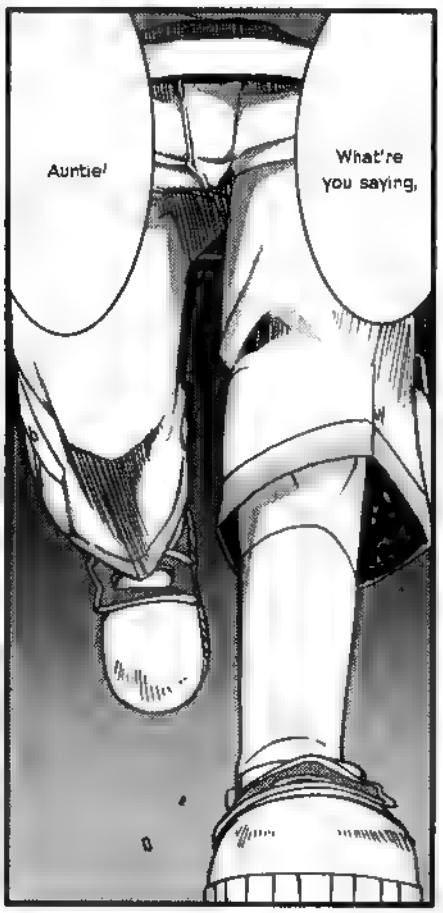

!

...for the sake of closing in on Fujii Alice,
is a necessary piece, you know.

As I thought, she too...
...is aiming for Alice's life...

Gokiburi Onee-san is my cute pet, so.

Expecting me to pass her over to auntie...


What're you saying,
Auntie!

D-
DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF SCARY FACE..!
YOU REALIZE I HAVE THREE PEOPLE ON MY SIDE!!

ゾク

DO IT!
GOKIBURI!!

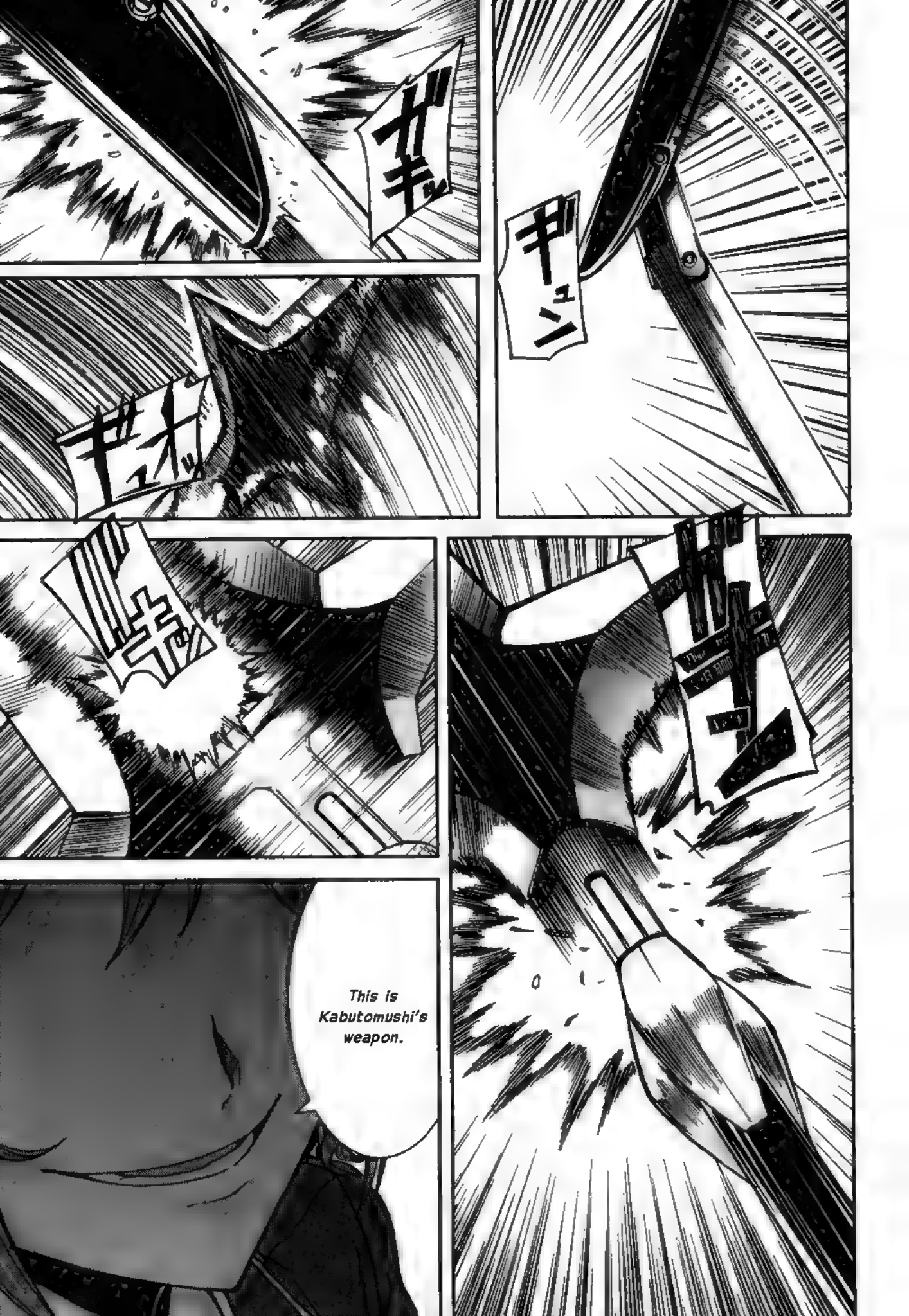
SHAA..!!

EARLIER, I WAS BEING CAREFUL AND MADE A RUN FOR IT, BUT...

AN UNARMED KABUTO-MUSHI...
...AIN'T SCARY IN ANY WAY!!

But as usual
ズル
Of course I lied.
That's what I told you, huh.
Ahh...
バリバリ

GYAAN-
!!
SHE HID A WEAPON ON HER BACK...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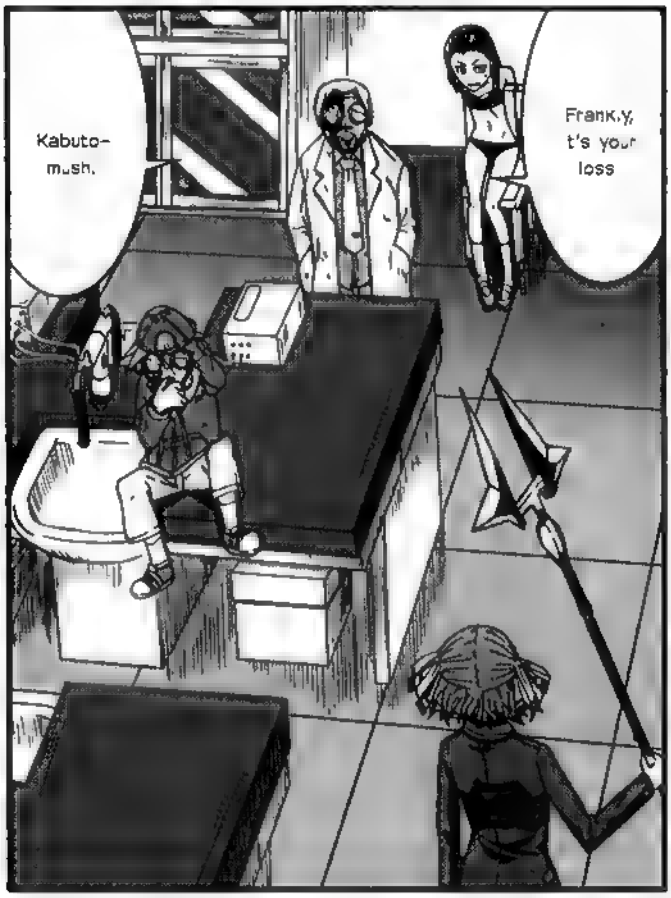
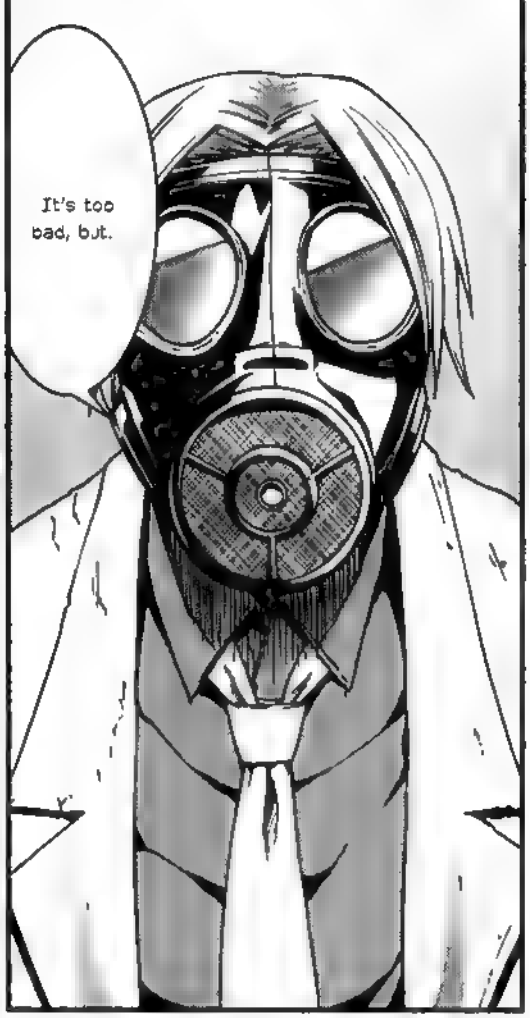
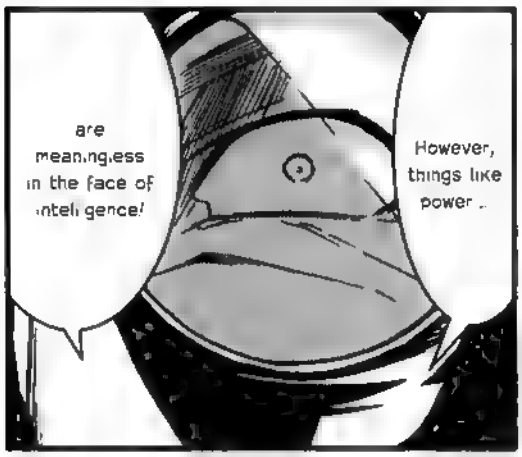
This is Kabutomushi's weapon.

Kabuto Horn.

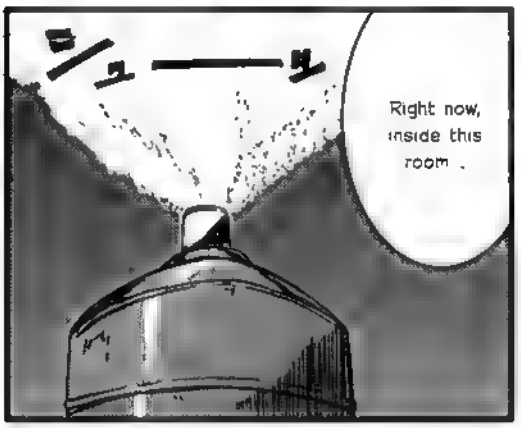
Ah–
You dead?
Heyy, wat
I probably hit her too hard...


Kabuto-mush.
Frankly, it's your loss


It's too bad, but.


are meaningless in the face of intelligence!
However, things like power .

. being an insect that utilizes that power befitting your name .
I have heard about you .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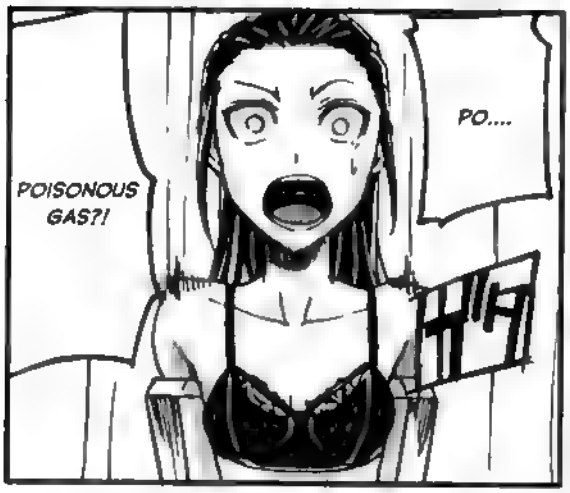
Right now, inside this room .

Right now, the air inside this room..
...is filled with *Mad Nerve.*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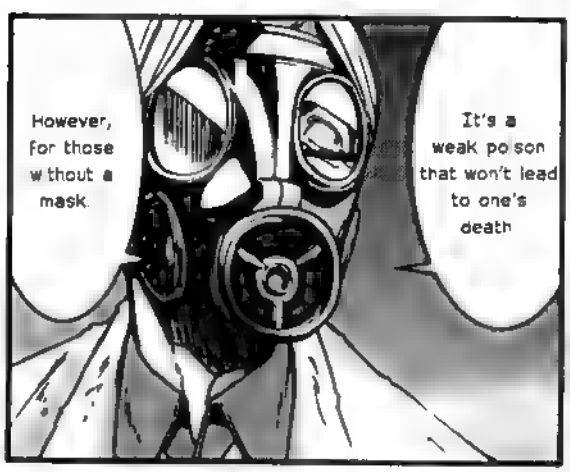
POISONOUS GAS?!


It's a weak poison that won't lead to one's death
However, for those without a mask.

It has a remarkably powerful immediate response
even moreso than the Venom Nerve

I wonder if you're in a position to fight anymore .
Even if you aren't a sense dependent type like Gokiburi,
it's still at a level that will sufficently screw with one's recognition accuracy
Just a blockhead with enormous power
You can no longer even grasp what the situation is like
From here on, for you .
Very soon you'll be unable to speak as well, however, there is no need to worry
.....

About that.
Since a life of being a Venom Slave awaits you!
. You'll live according to the electrical signals that will be directly sent to your brain
Auntie.
please don't think of us too badly, 'kay?

NOTE: A MISTAKE WAS MADE WRITING "VENOM ENSLAVEMENT" IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER, AS SHINYA SIMPLY WROTE "SLAVEMENT"

Eh?

WAH-
W-
WIND..?!
ガラン

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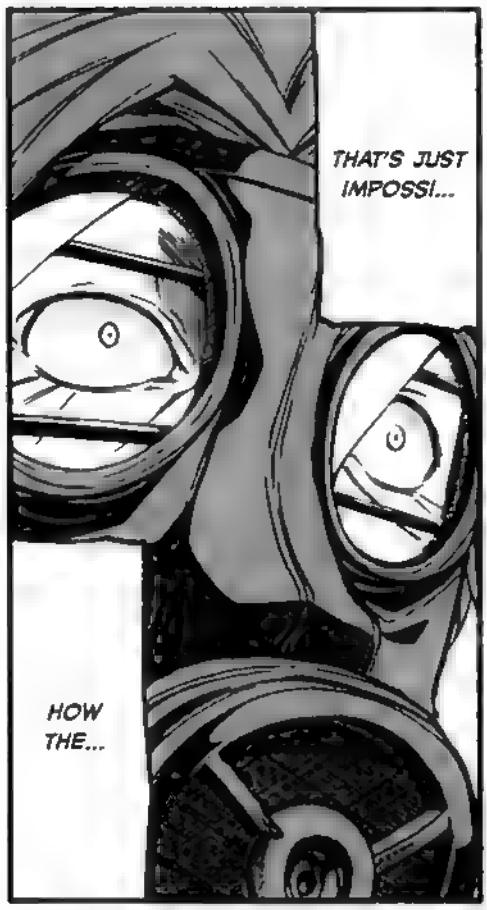
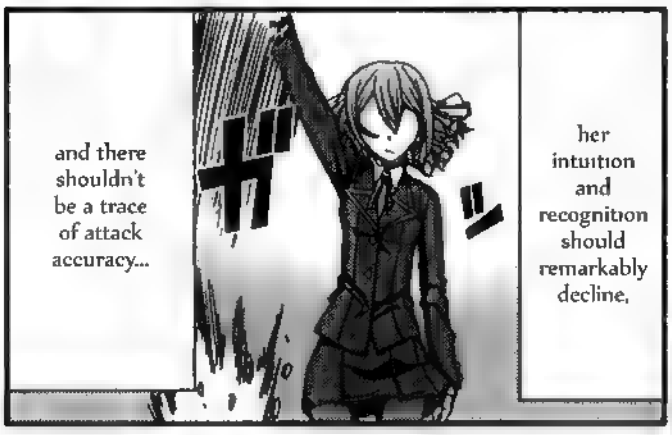
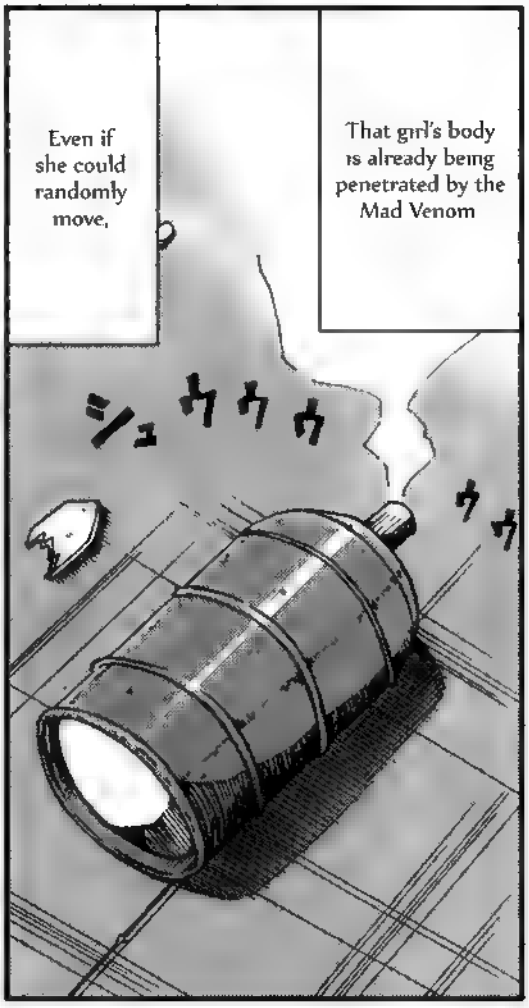

THAT'S JUST IMPOSSI...
HOW THE...

ANABACHI...
A-

Why can you attack?
Why can you move?


and there shouldn't be a trace of attack accuracy...
her intuition and recognition should remarkably decline.


Even if she could randomly move,
That girl's body is already being penetrated by the Mad Venom
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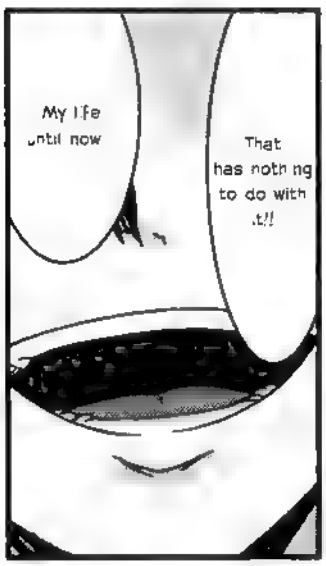
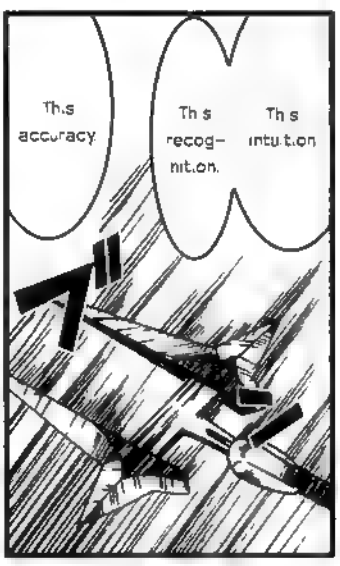
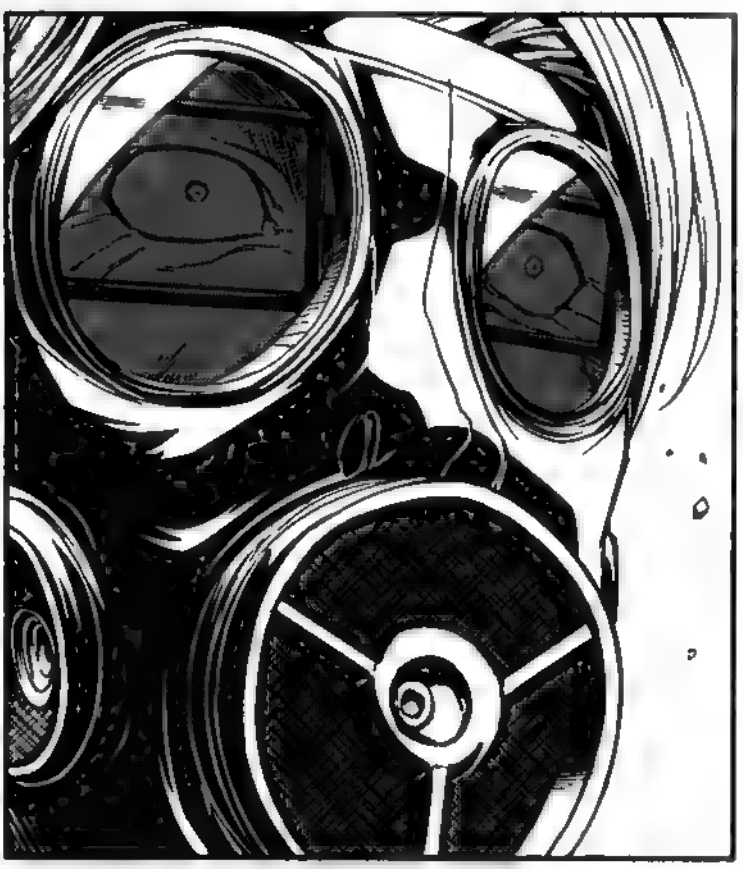

My life until now
That has nothing to do with it!!

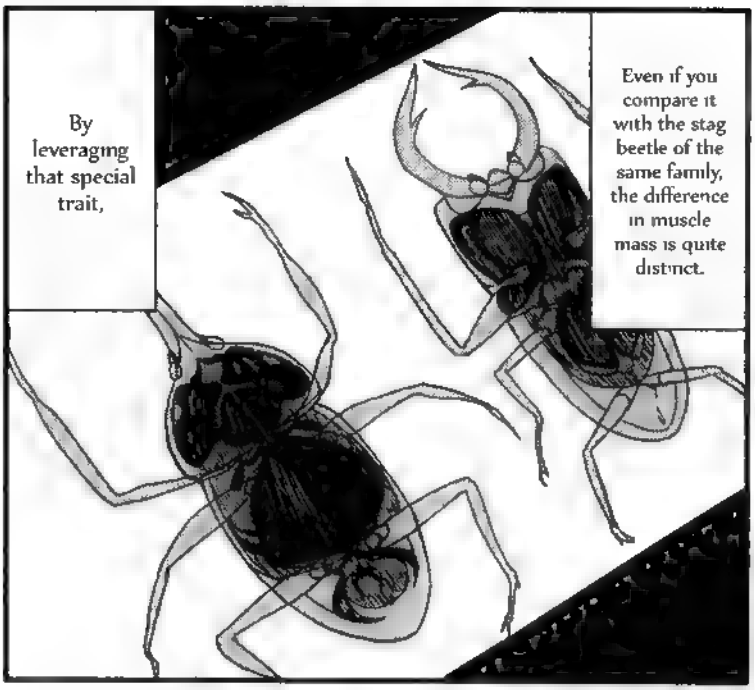

This accuracy
This recognition.
This intuition

...I've never done aannnyyyy of that before!
Picking a target and whatnot...

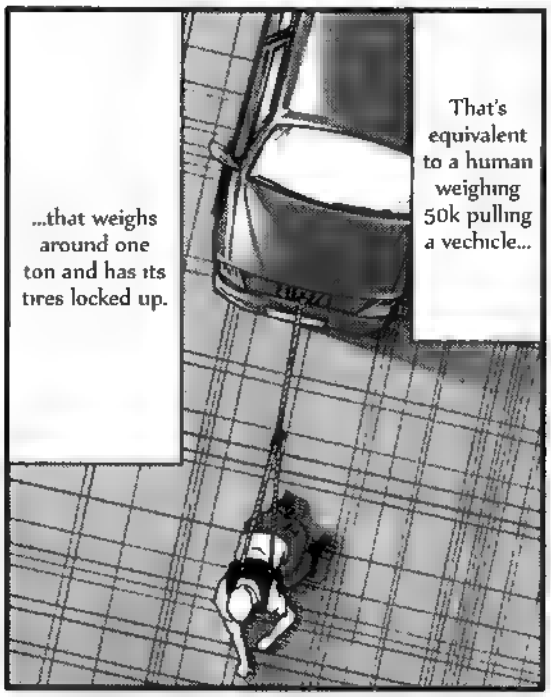
S-
SURELY...

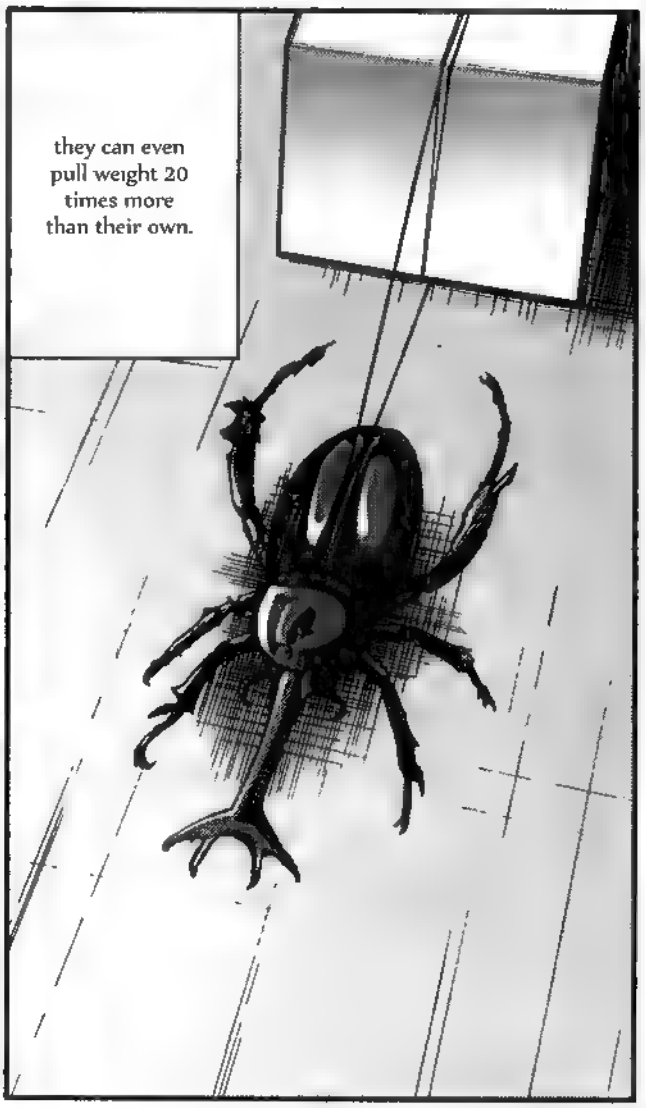


SHE'LL HAVE NO PHYSICAL BLIND SPOT.
IF SHE FILLS THE ENTIRE CONTROL RANGE AROUND HER WITH ATTACKS,
HOWEVER...
AND BEING ABLE TO USE SIMPLE PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO REVOLVE HER WEAPON IN ANY DIRECTION
KNOWING WHERE THE ENEMY IS AT.
The kabuto-mushi's power...
...As one would wonder, just how much could it be?
...IS HUMAN POWER EVEN CAPABLE OF THAT..?!
THAT KIND OF THING...

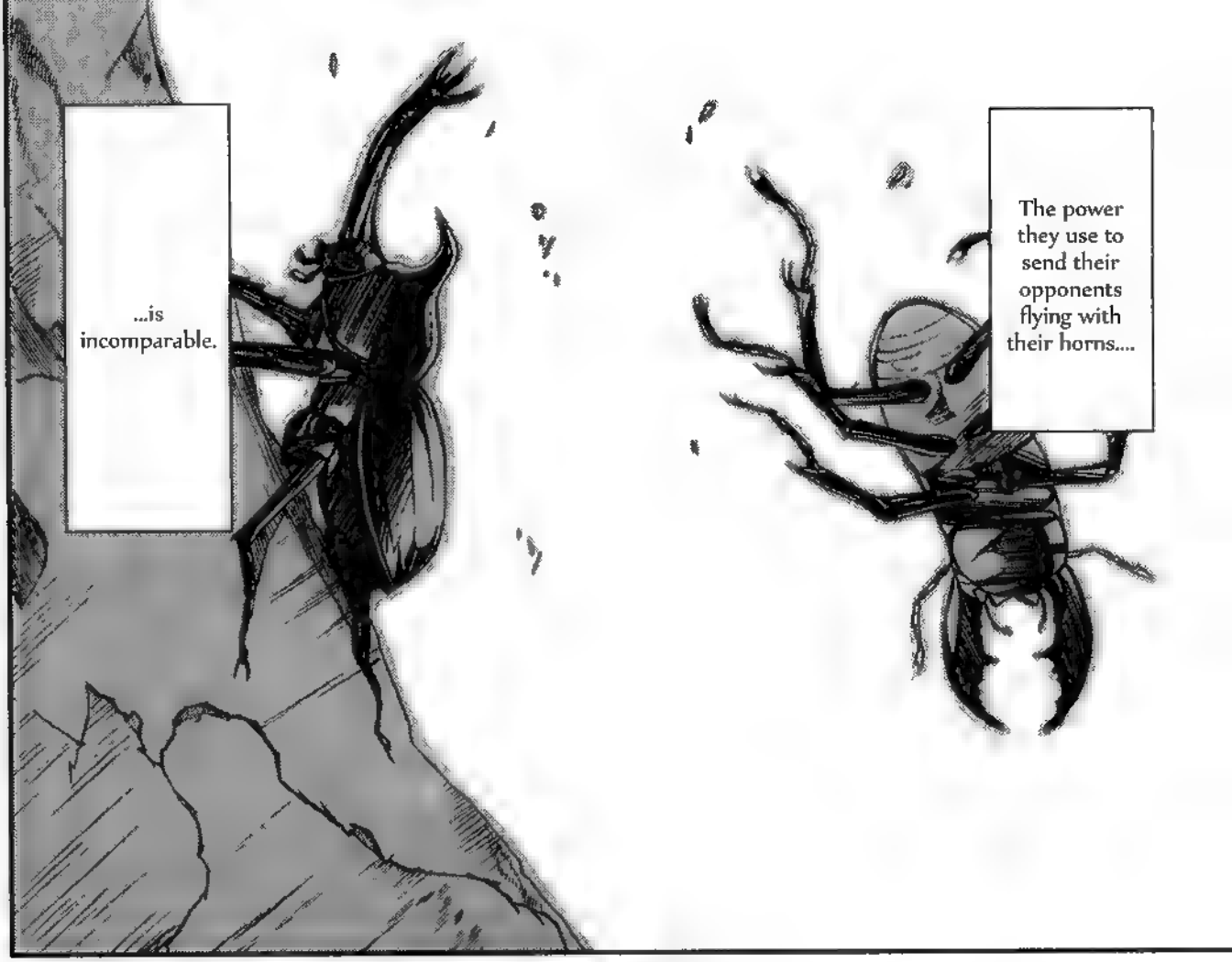

By leveraging that special trait,
Even if you compare it with the stag beetle of the same family, the difference in muscle mass is quite distinct.

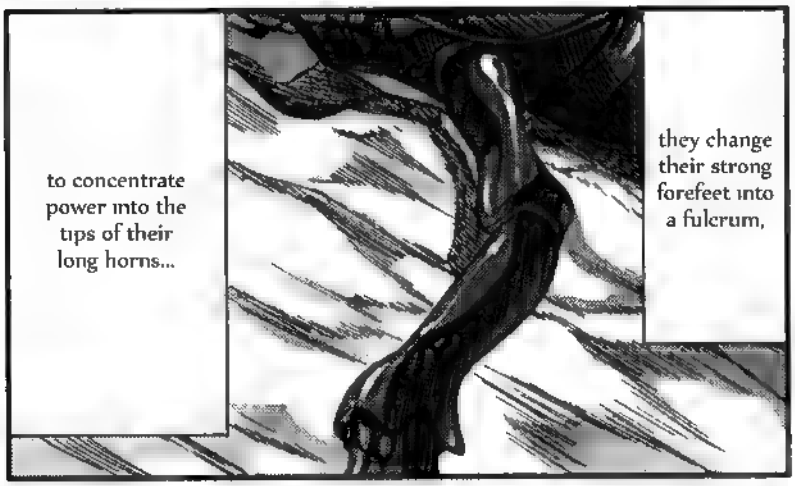
The kabutomushi is a lump of muscle.

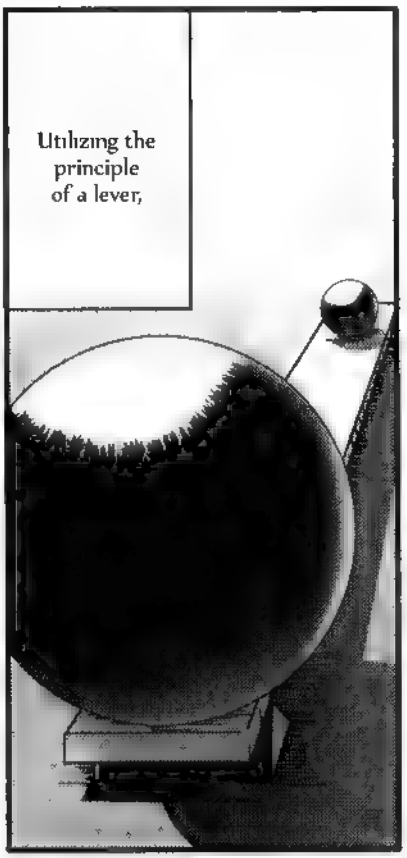

...that weighs around one ton and has its tires locked up.
That's equivalent to a human weighing 50k pulling a vechicle...

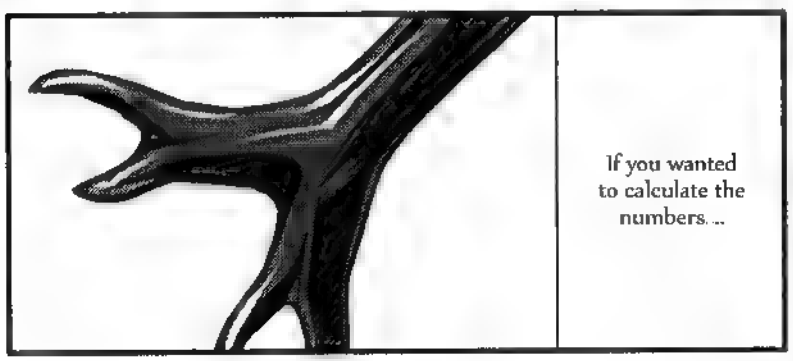

they can even pull weight 20 times more than their own.

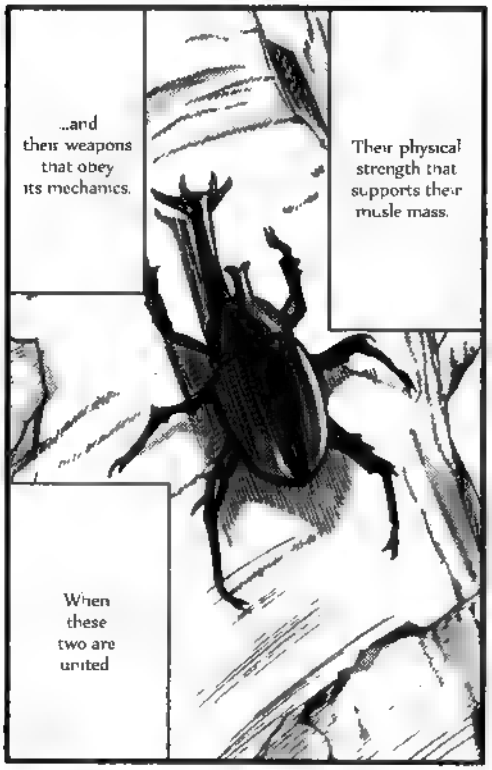
Even for that, you can say it's quite the power, however...

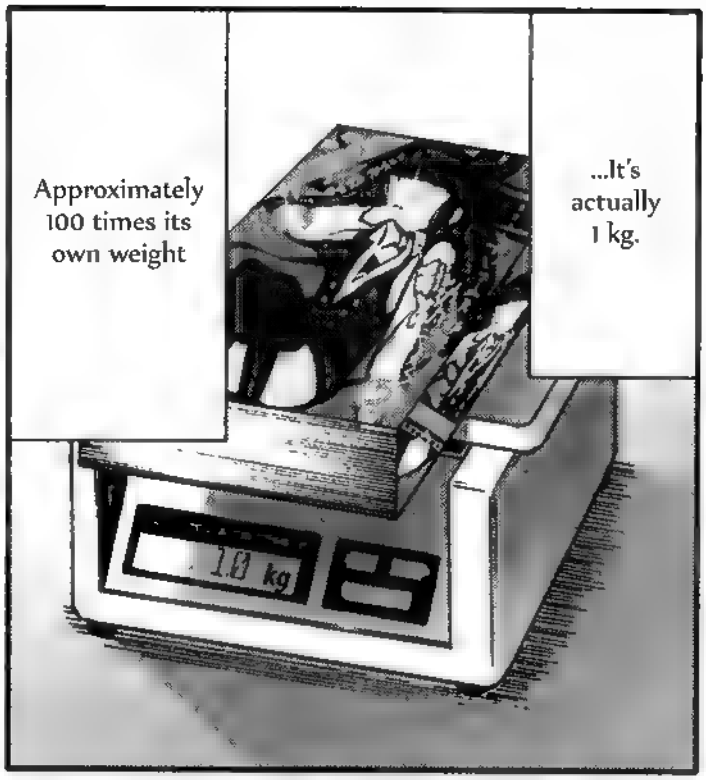

...is incomparable.
The power they use to send their opponents flying with their horns....


to concentrate power into the tips of their long horns...
they change their strong forefeet into a fulcrum,


Utilizing the principle of a lever,


If you wanted to calculate the numbers...


...and their weapons that obey its mechanics.
Their physical strength that supports their musle mass.
When these two are united


Approximately 100 times its own weight
...It's actually 1 kg.
1.0 kg

ゴゴゴ
Friend or Foe ain't got nothin' to do with me

ゴゴゴ
I kill anyone who's around
And that's.

...can store unparalleled power in their bdies.
the kabuto-mushi...

兜滑
Kabuto Slide

ドロロ
ハバゴッ
ナ!!
ドサ
HIL..!
I...
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE

Ah-
I'LL JUST TAKE THE IMPORTANT EQUIPMEN-
FRANKLY,
FOR NOW, I'LL WITHDRAW!

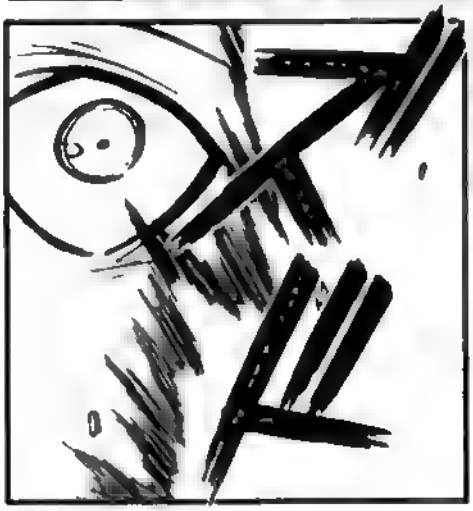
GAH-

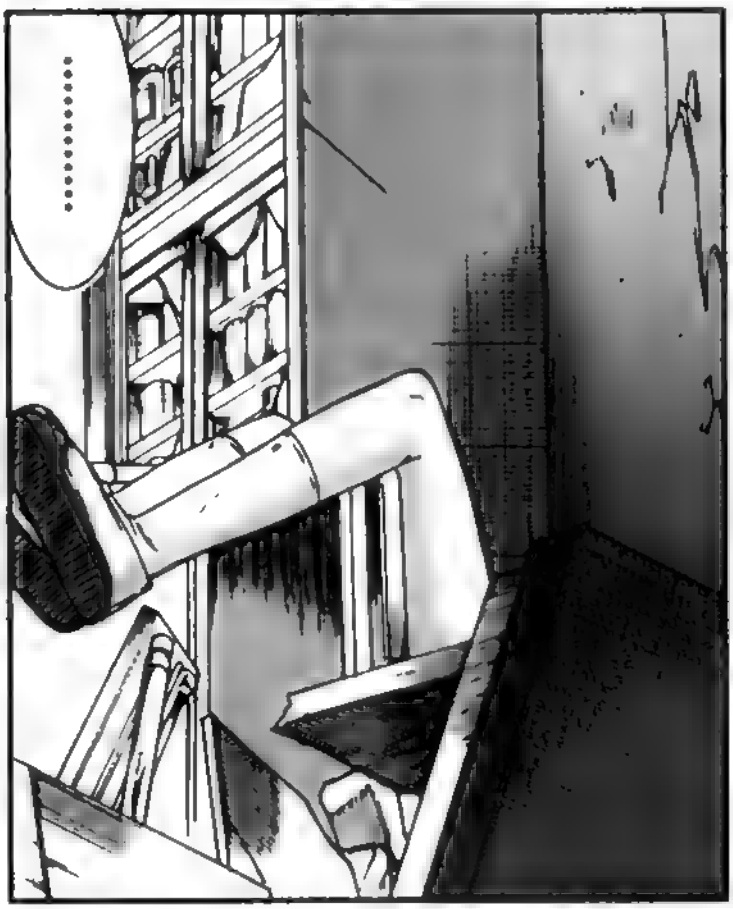
EH-
- OUT-
SIDE...?!
O-

Oh.
ヒュウウウウウ

I managed to make some nice ventilation, huh.

I thought I died
I..

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Tell me.
Where your friend is.
What're you sayin'?
wouldn't you go kill her?
...If I told you,
It's the opposite.

...let Fujii Alice die.
You know I can't just...

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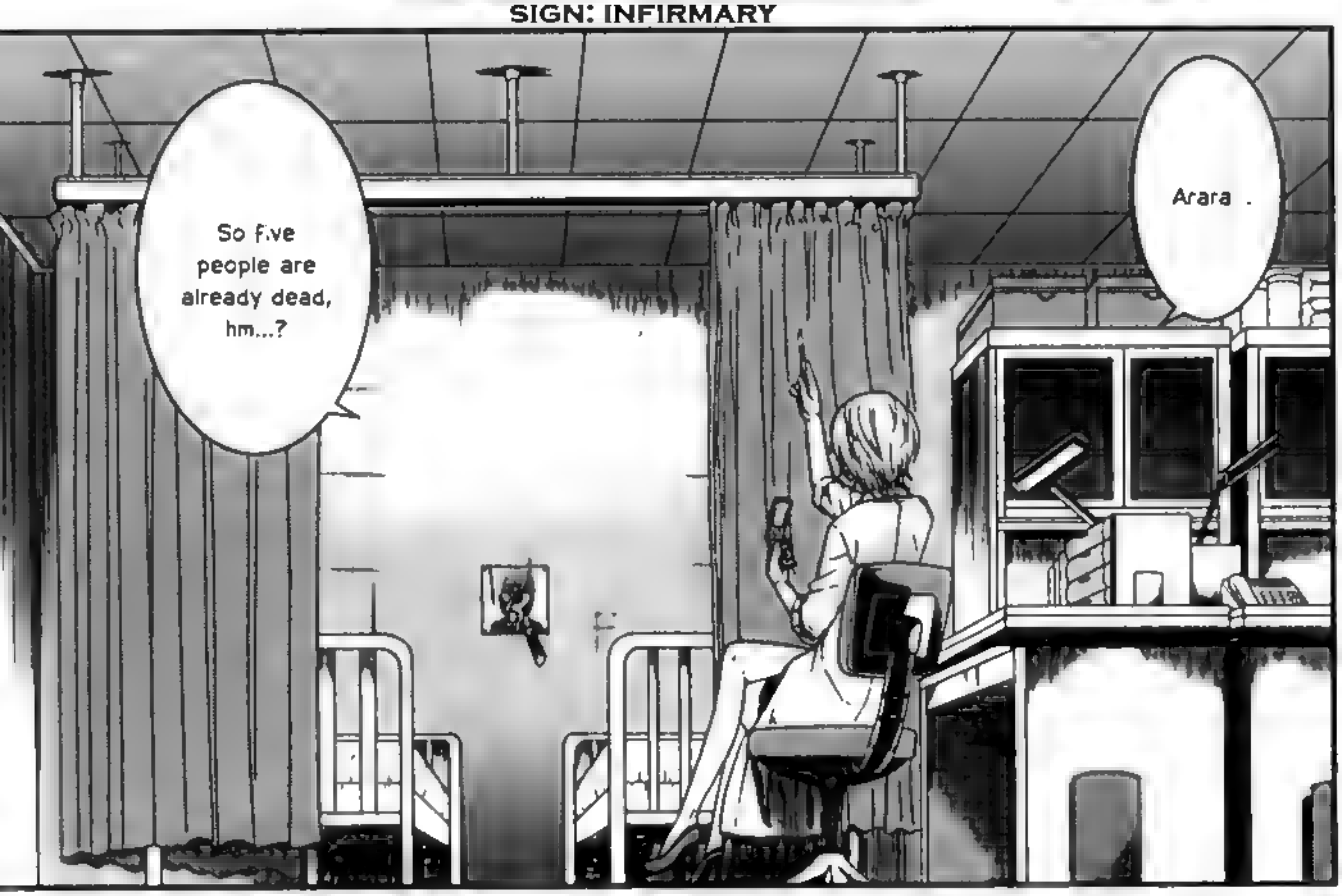

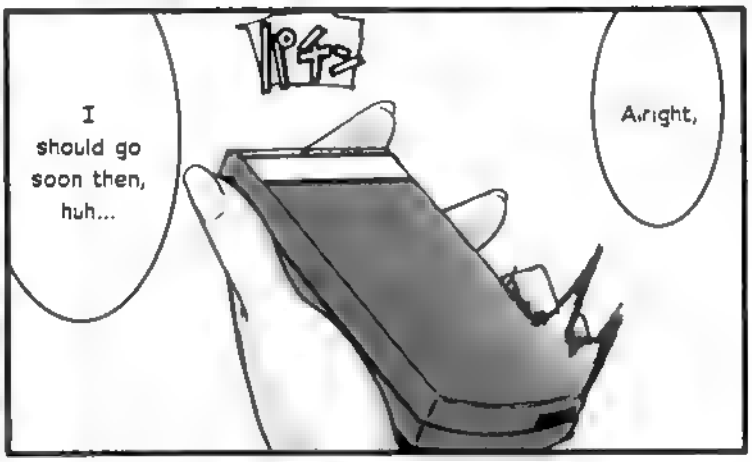

...That is, to kill...
...Fujii Alice!

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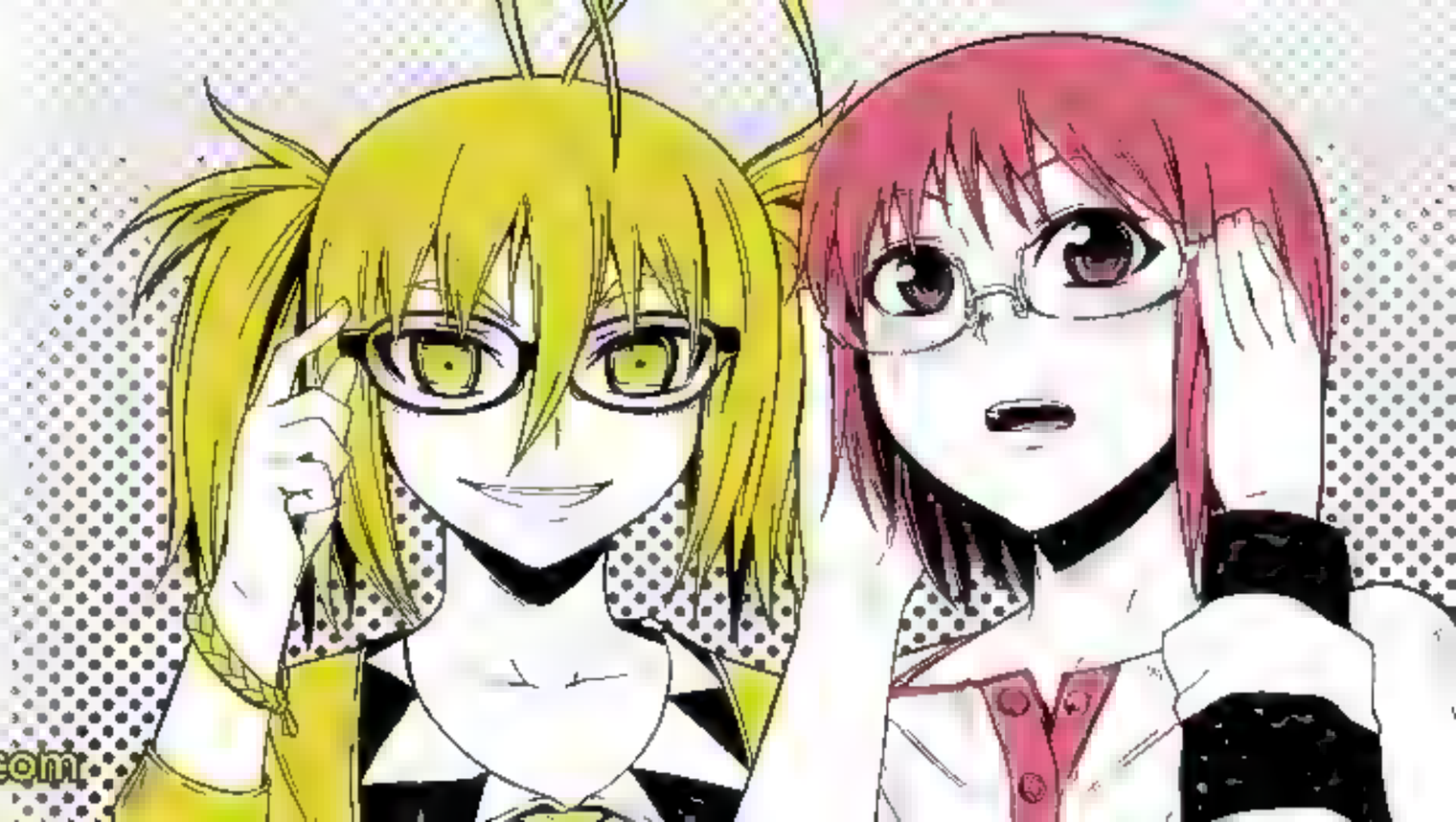
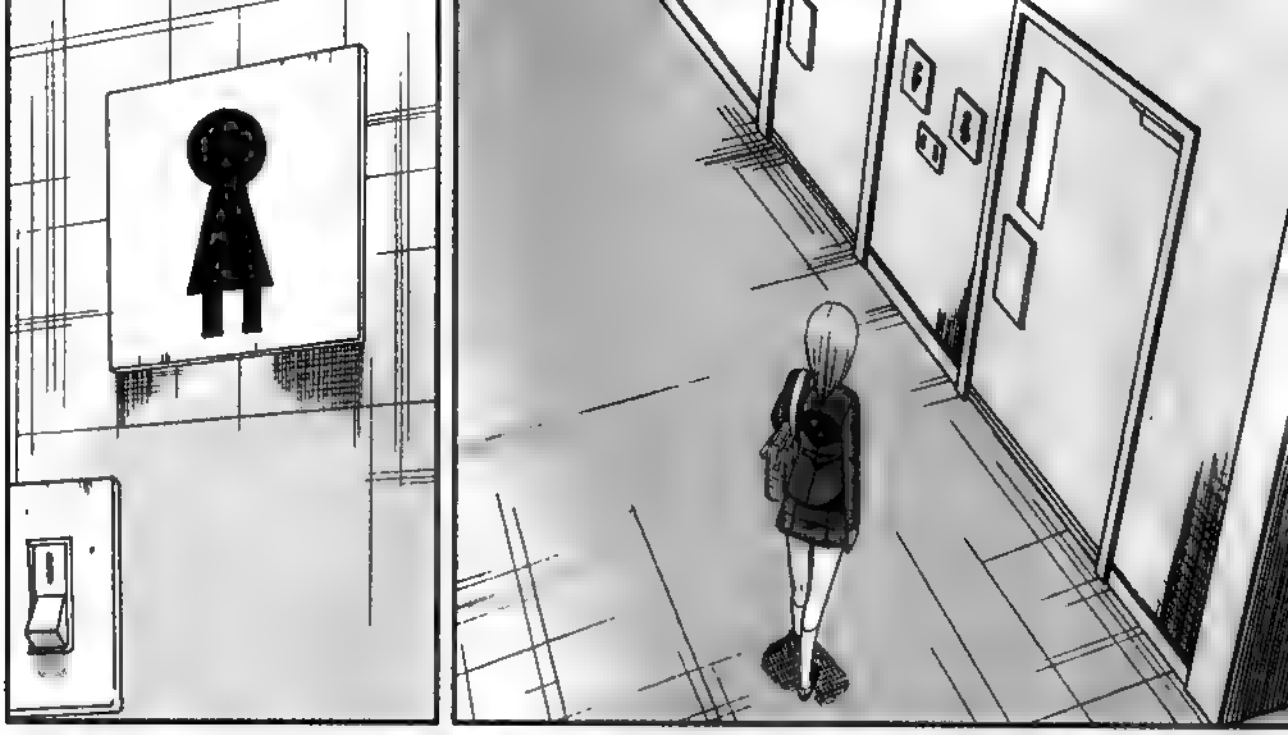
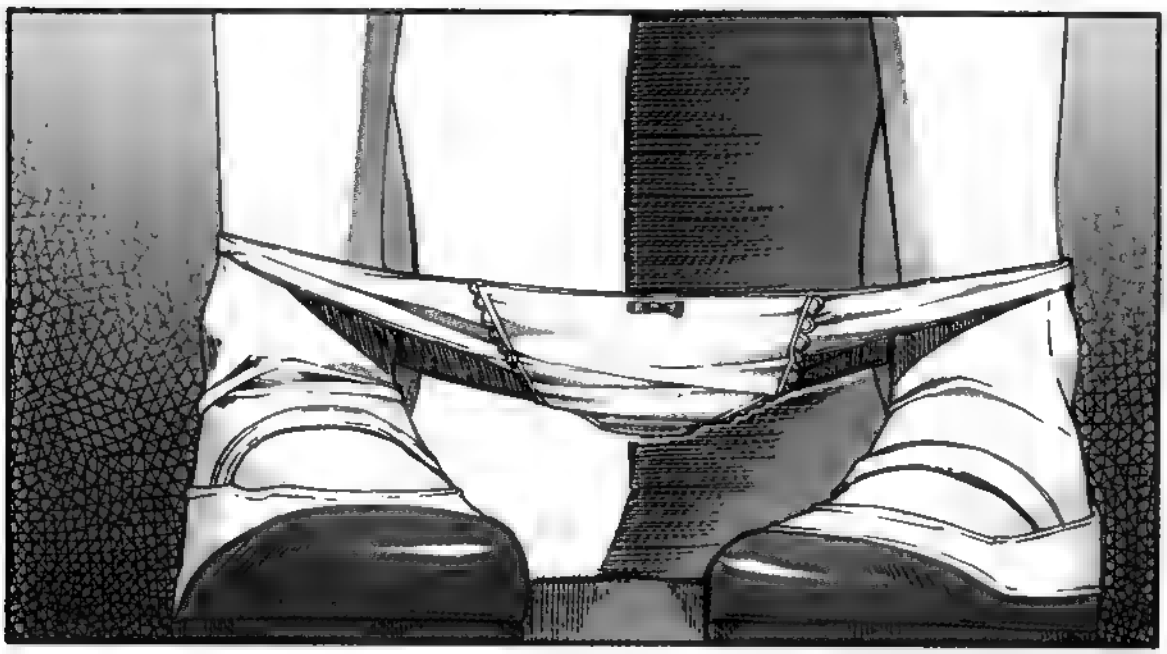


CH. 29: I'LL HAVE YOU FEEL IT ALL OVER YOUR BODY!





Sigh...

Mukade/
Centipede

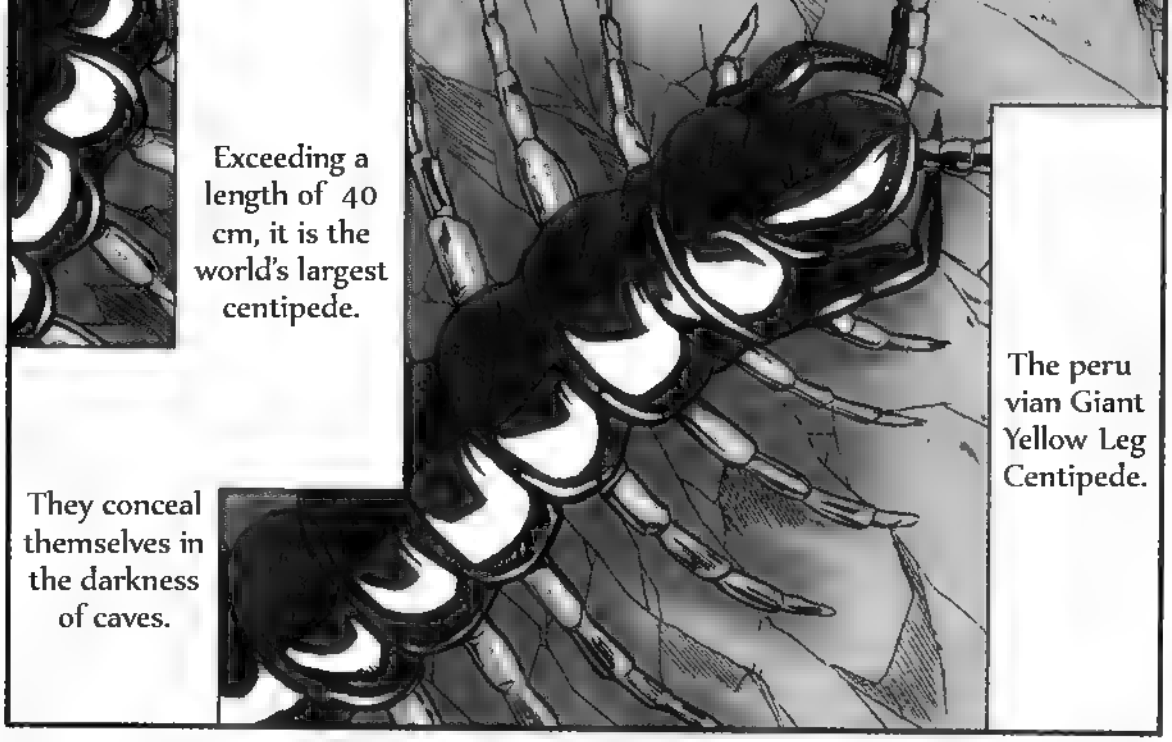
Nn
nuu...
Ugu-
U-
Ah-

Well,
it's fine.
...isn't Fujii Alice.
This one...
If it's like this,
it's fine if I have some fun...
Or so I say...

There exists an insect...

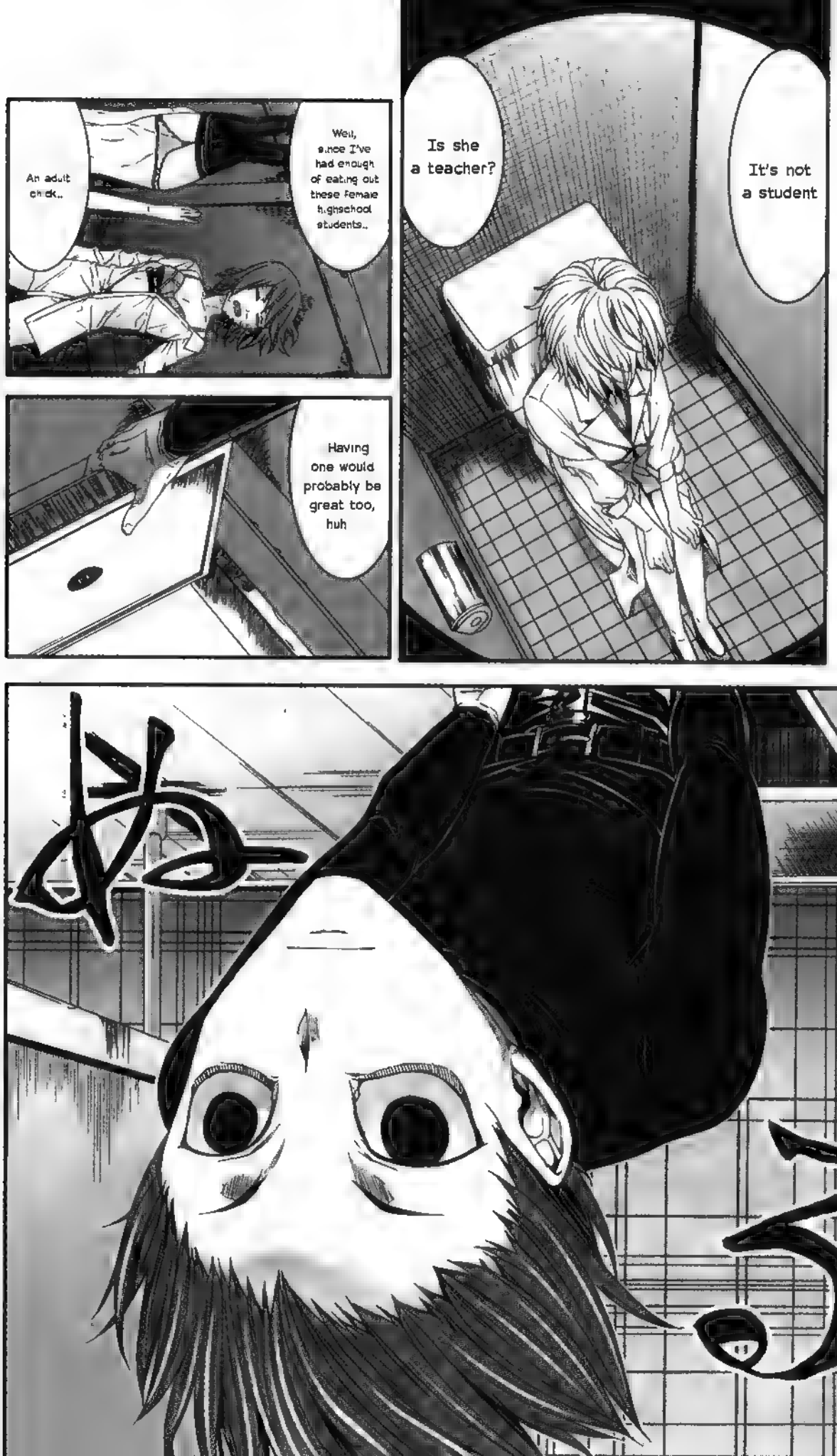
...that dangles from the ceiling to ambush its prey.

Well, it's fine.


Exceeding a length of 40 cm, it is the world's largest centipede.
They conceal themselves in the darkness of caves.
The peru vian Giant Yellow Leg Centipede.

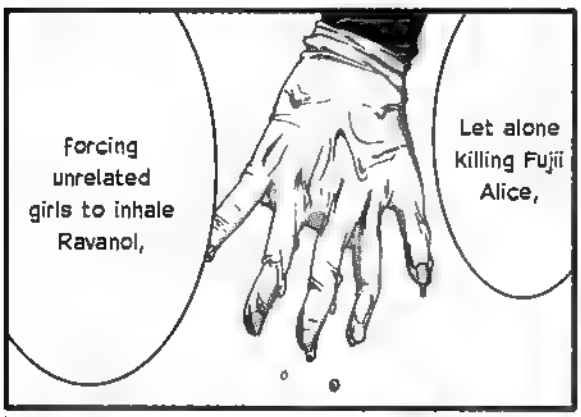
...are flying groups of bats.
Their main source of food...

but also common sense.
not only undermines Heaven and Earth,
Since they feast on the very animals that feast on other insects, their existance...
While they are arthopods, they possess the same physical strength as serpents.
You wouldn't think of some enemy coming to attack you.
Individual toilet stalls give people a sense of security...
Patiently waiting while I'm having fun is..
Attacking head-on is a stupid plan.
.. to be careless enough not to set up traps,
If there was a place for a sly female arachnid..
..it's surely got to be here
Oh-

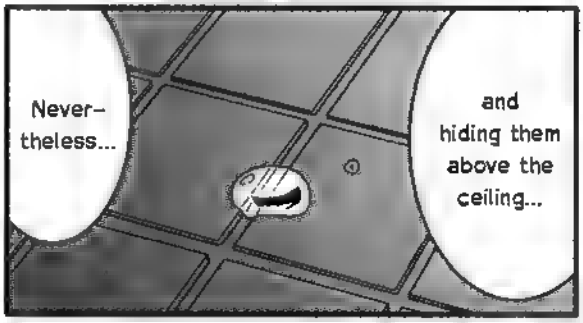

It's not a student
Is she a teacher?
Well, since I've had enough of eating out these female highschool students..
An adult chick..
Having one would probably be great too, huh

...an insect sticking around this area...
I decided to look to see if there was...

to Fujii Alice's class.
The closest women's wash-room...



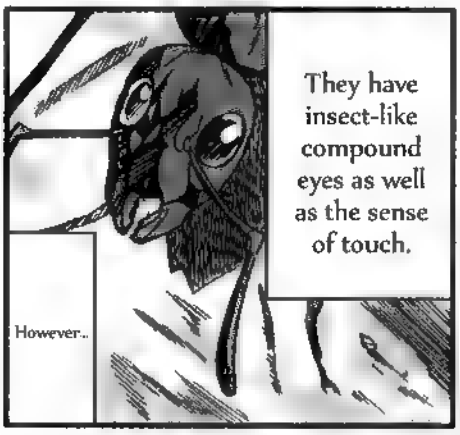
T/N: Ravanol is a Japanese anaesthetic



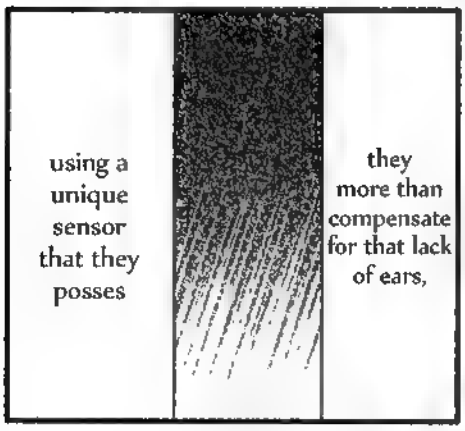
.....
Aren't 'cha going overboard by mistaking this many people?
Above all, five people is...
even though you aren't able to see them?
Why are you able to know the number of students
Why?
W-
...sound.
My very existance is...
Why, to begin with...

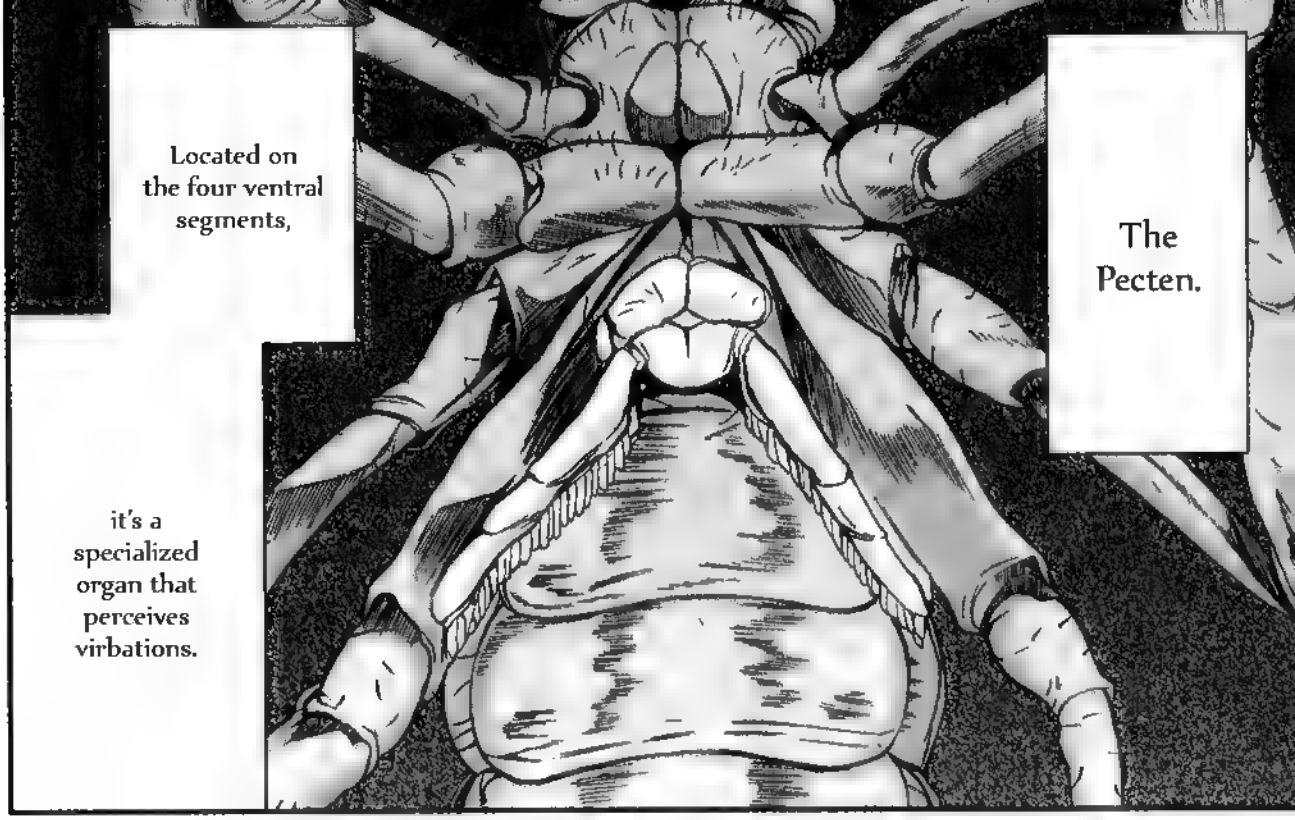
...and concealing within hide-outs...
That's why attacking from blind spots...
If you're within a three meter radius,
We see the world with sound.
I'm a scorpion, you know?
Pulse you say...
P-
I can even measure your pulse.
It's not hearing with my ears
A human ear being able to hear such a soft sound is just...
That's absurd.

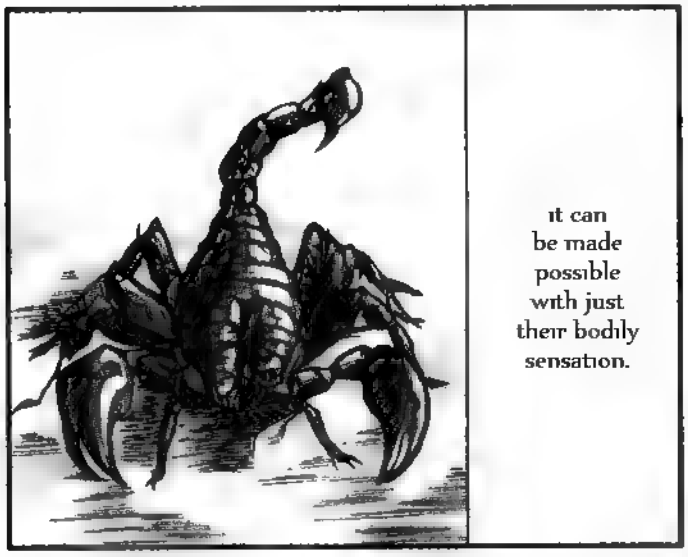
My entire body can feel it.

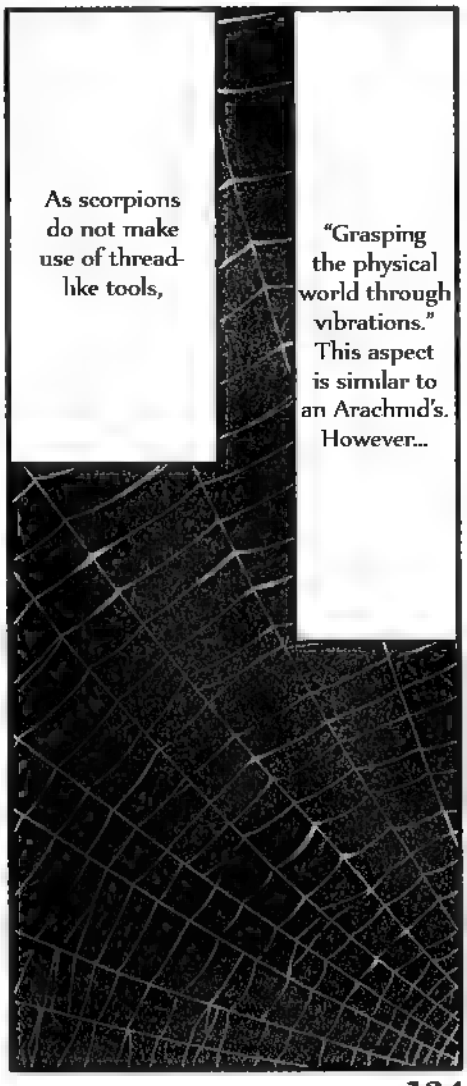

However...
They have insect-like compound eyes as well as the sense of touch.

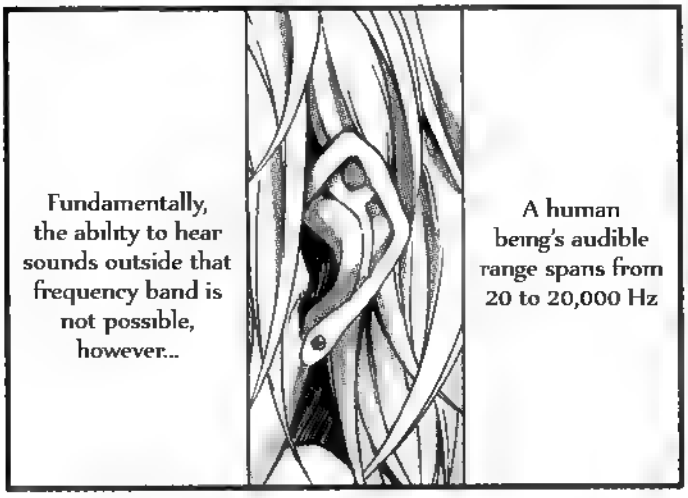
A scorpion does not possess ears.


using a unique sensor that they posses
they more than compensate for that lack of ears,


Located on the four ventral segments,
The Pecten.
it's a specialized organ that perceives virbations.

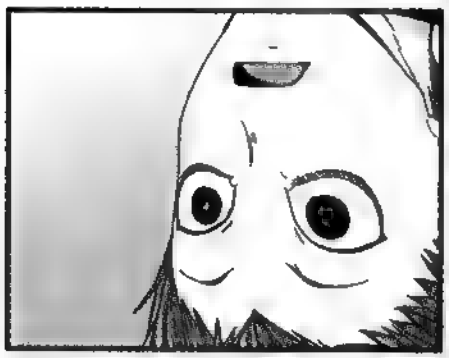

It can be made possible with just their bodily sensation.


As scorpions do not make use of thread-like tools,
"Grasping the physical world through vibrations." This aspect is similar to an Arachnid's. However...


Fundamentally, the ability to hear sounds outside that frequency band is not possible, however...
A human being's audible range spans from 20 to 20,000 Hz

If we were talking about the ability to recognize sounds...
...by using the minute vibrations felt by the body...

Since you'll die soon,
that won't be a problem



If you want to take advantage of a scorpion,
you would have to stop your heart first, hm?
However

ドガ
THA-
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
GAH-
GAHA...

JUST WHEN IN THE WORLD DID YOU...
...POISON...

A scorpion has...
...three "friends"! ♡
Blue is the fainting Scorpio Swoon Toxin.
Red is the instant death Scorpio Fatal Toxin.
And the one I served you just now is...

...my yellow friend...
that puts you into a paralyzed state and leaves only your consciousness,
Scorpio Neurotoxin!

SO WHY ARE WE FIGHTING AMONGST OURSELVES?!
OUR TARGET... IS FUJI ALICE...

W-WHY DID...
ヒュ——
THIS SORT OF THING...
ヒュ——

According to the "Arachnid Hunt" news site
You have a point, but...

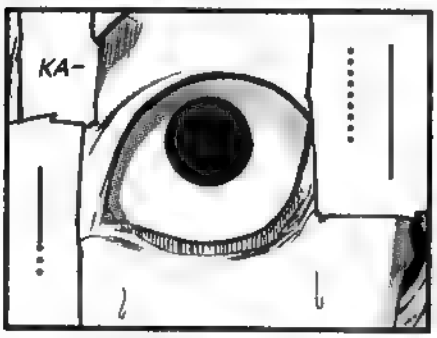
It started off with only two hundred million, but now...
...And there you have it.
"The prize money is determined by the number of insects killed."

T/N: THE SITE ON HER PHONE SHOWS THE CURRENT PRIZE MONEY AND A LIST OF ALL THE DEAD ASSASSINS

Killing as many insects as you can,
and finally killing Fujii last.
That is the game called the "Arachnid Hunt".

I don't know what the boss is thinking, but,
F-
For what reason

...you can probably weed the weak ones out...
by suddenly making Alice act as bait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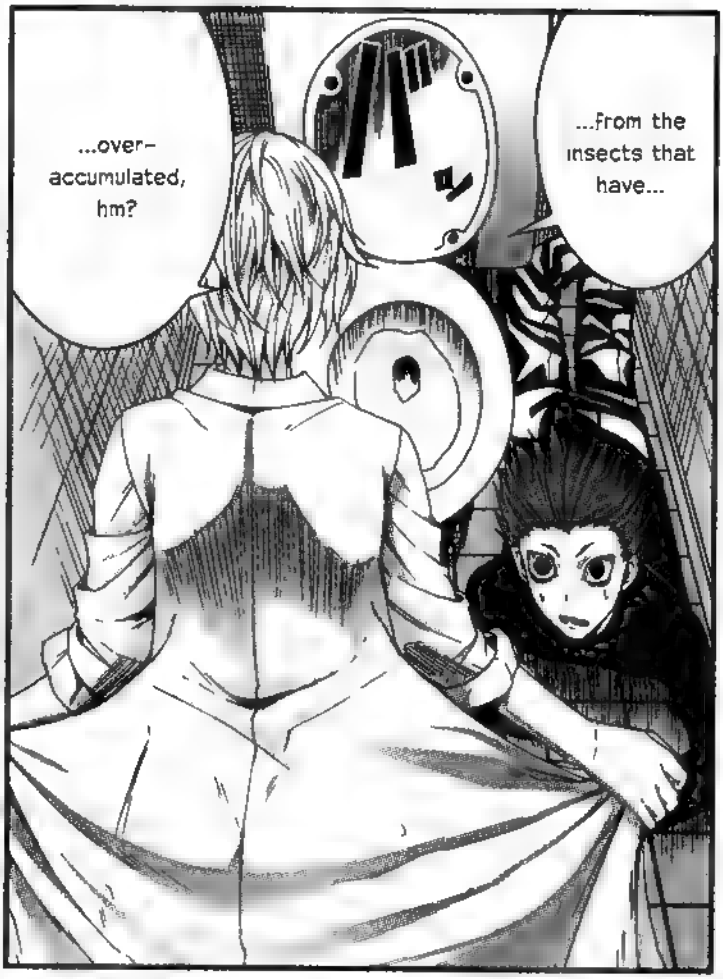
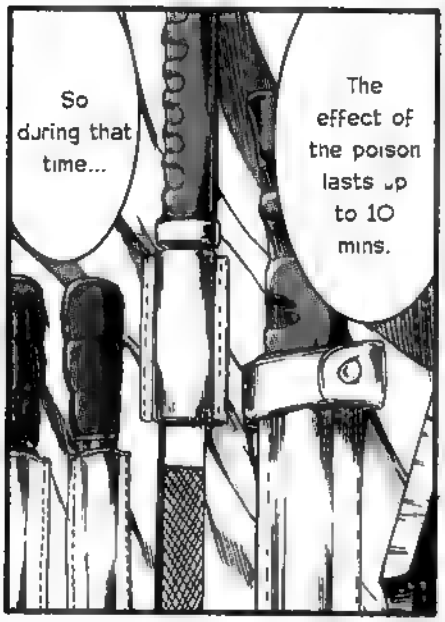

...over-accumulated, hm?
...from the insects that have...


So during that time...
The effect of the poison lasts up to 10 mins.

I will dissect you...
...in a way that brings as much pain as possible.

The pain, terror, and screams of despair...
...that come to you when your senses return...

..feel it all over your body!
I'll have you...
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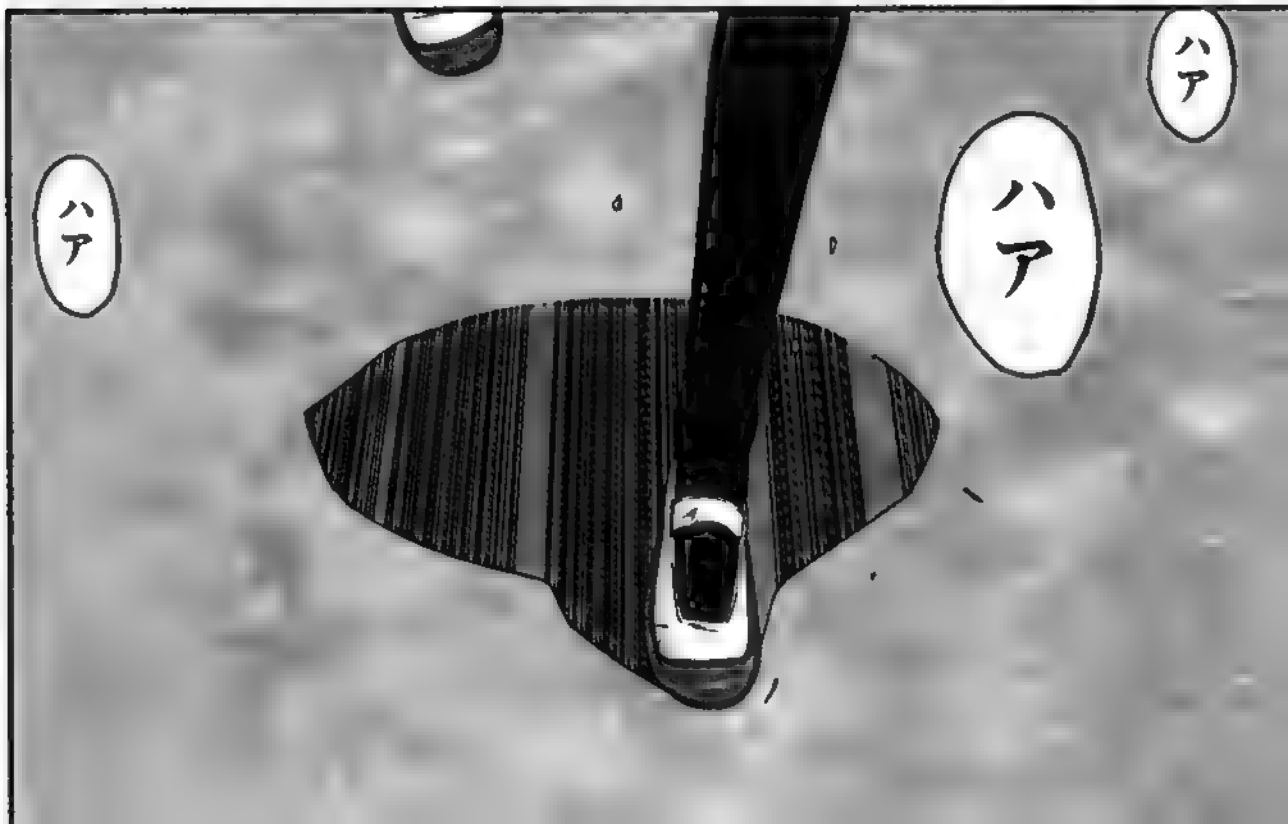
SFX: PANTING



SFX: PANTING

...aren't giving any response.
Even my threads...
My phone isn't connecting either.
Just where did they...?
The two of them...
Already...
Could it possibly be...
The two of them already...

!!
Fujii-san!!
Are you okay?!
You aren't hurt?!
Ugh...
W-
What do I do...

If, because of me...
...something happens to the two of them...

What should I even do?
I don't know...

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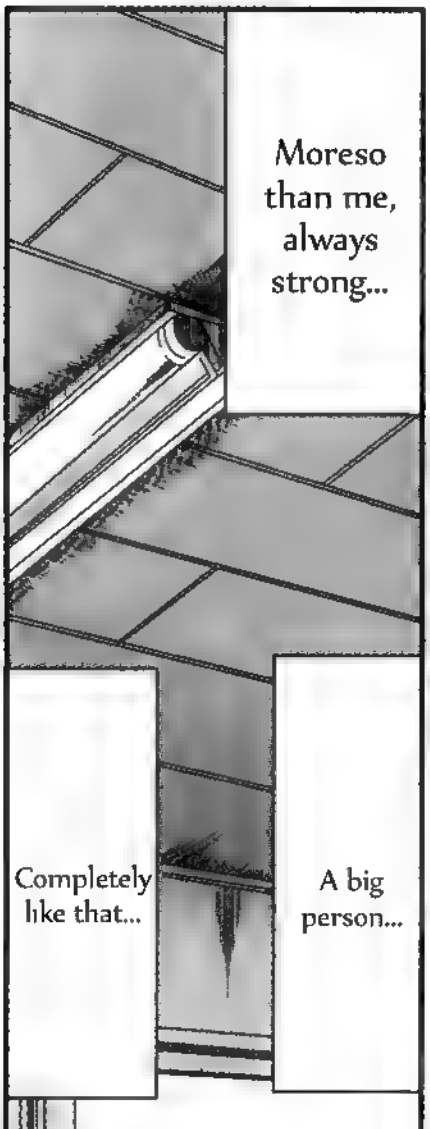
It's okay.
Fujii-san.

Eh?

They're definitely looking for you.
Tajima-san, and Oki-san...
It's okay!

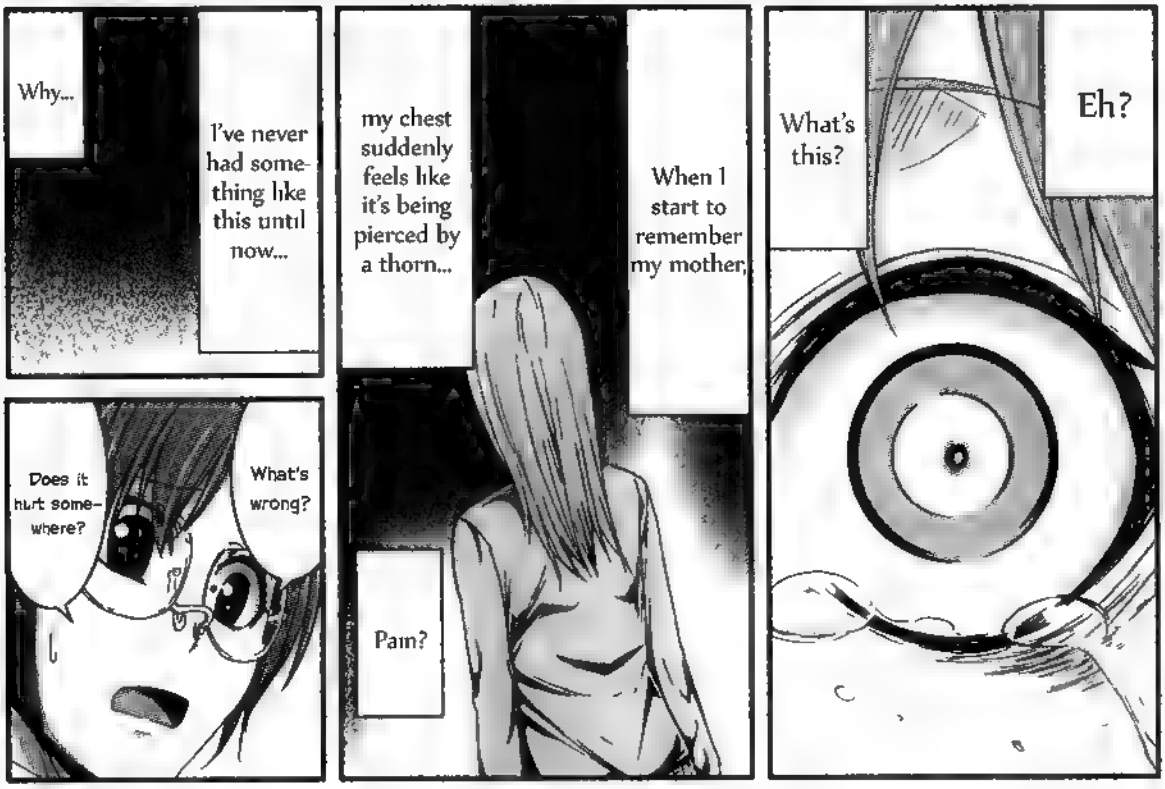
It's okay, Fujii-san.
That's why it's okay.

And also...
I knew it, Kuramoto-senpai truly is a gentle person.


Moreso than me, always strong...
Completely like that...
A big person...

...She's strong

She's just like my mother, isn't she...


Why...
I've never had something like this until now...
Does it hurt somewhere?
What's wrong?
my chest suddenly feels like it's being pierced by a thorn...
When I start to remember my mother,
Pain?
What's this?
Eh?

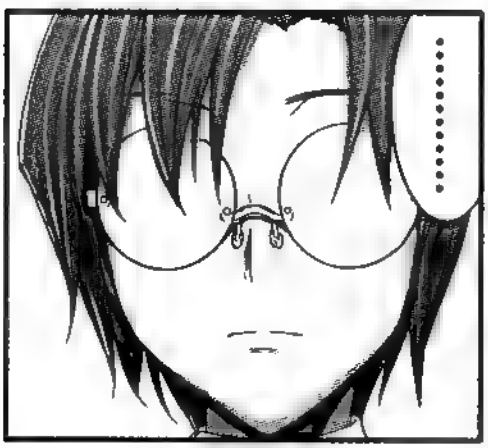
Are you okay?
Can you stand?
Y-Yes...

Ah, nothing.
I'm fine.
Sorry for crying...

Let's go back to the classroom for now...
Maybe those two will have returned already.

U-Um...
It's probably hard for you to say, but...

Could you tell me?
About the president of the student council.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Ability?
..possesses a particular ability...
She...
In order for her to arrange everyone perfectly like a puzzle,
she combines each of their interests,
takes hold of the weak, and puts them into a trap.
With regards to me, who had my weak will taken advantage of
and who swore
allegiance as a slave

"This is my ability."
...said it as if she had triumphed over me.
She...
Queen's Rule...
...over the Army Ants.

ARACHNID

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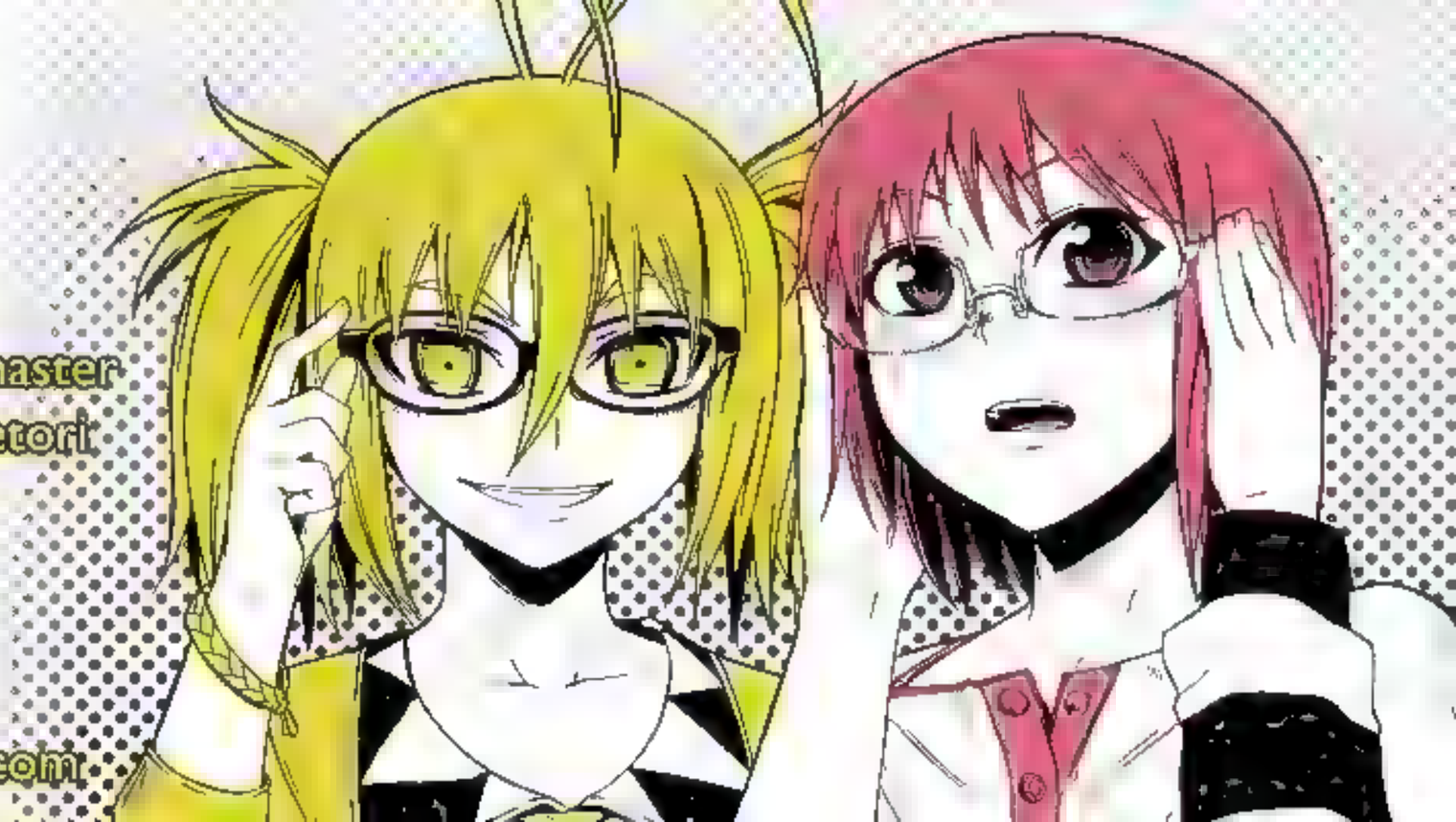
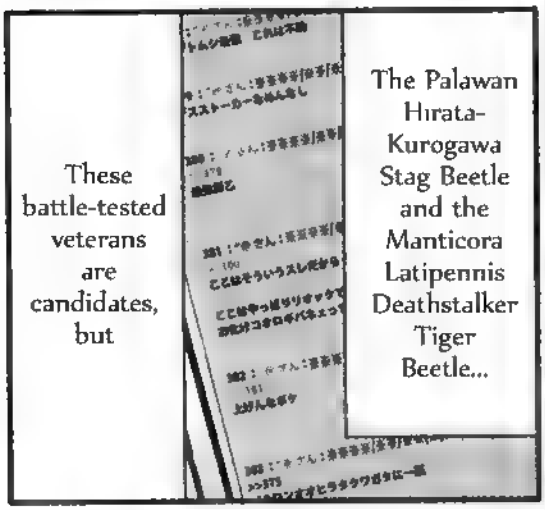
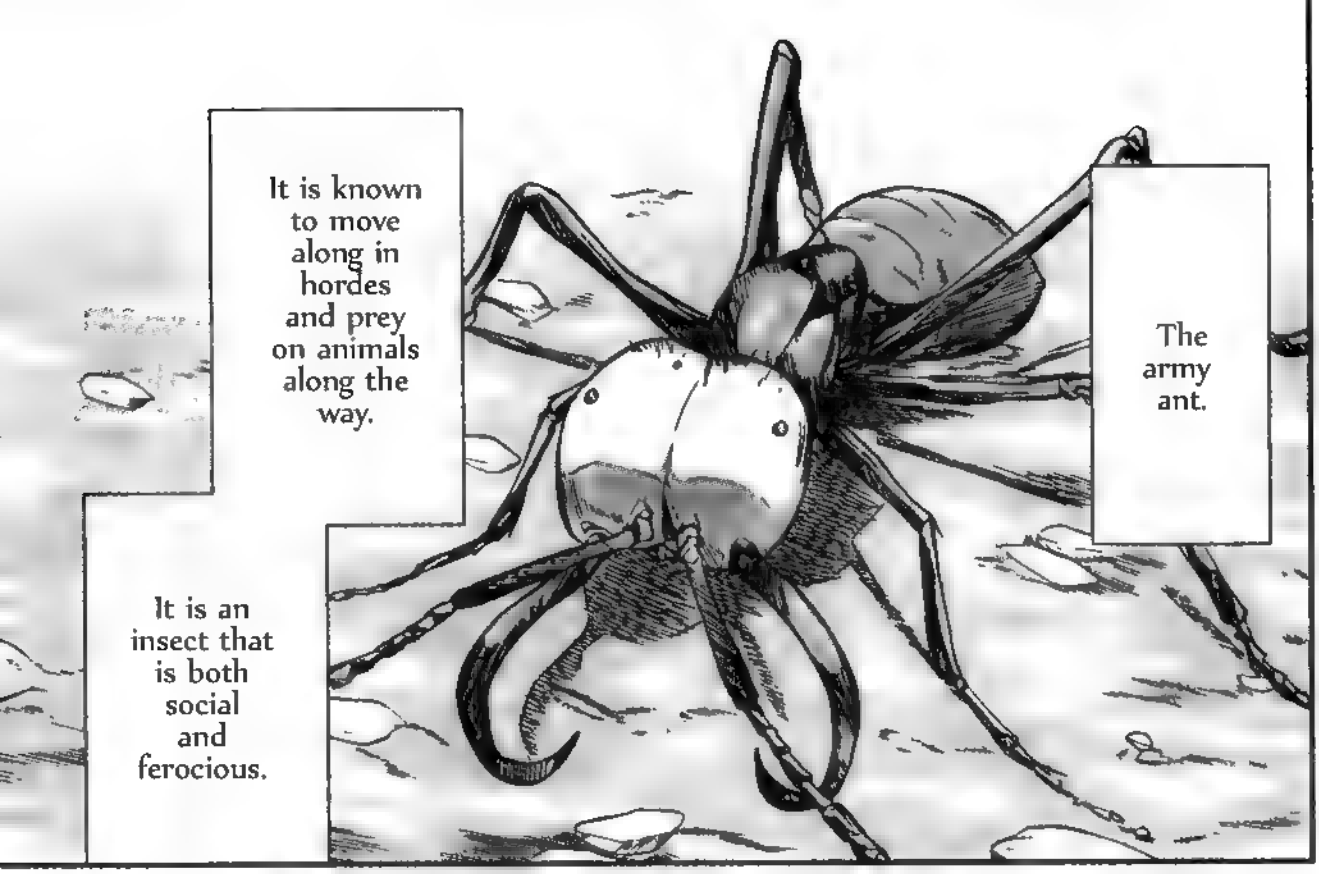


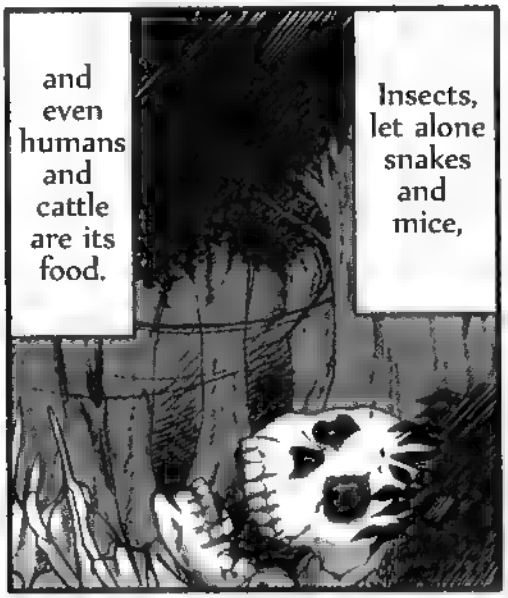
The major concern of humanity,
Children... No. It has been discussed for a long time amongst adults.
it has become an everyday subject on the net in recent years.

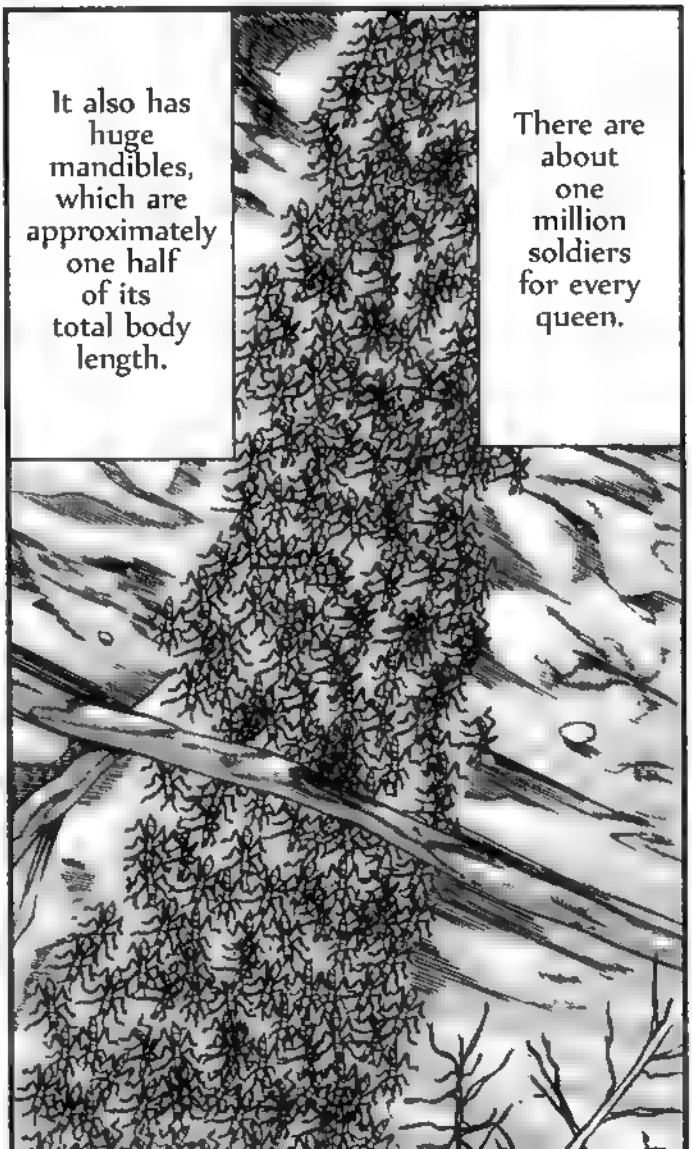
Which insect is the strongest?


These battle-tested veterans are candidates, but
The Palawan Hirata-Kurogawa Stag Beetle and the Manticora Latipennis Deathstalker Tiger Beetle...

CHAPTER 30: THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL KILL THAT GIRL


It is known to move along in hordes and prey on animals along the way.
The army ant.
It is an insect that is both social and ferocious.


and even humans and cattle are its food.
Insects, let alone snakes and mice,


It also has huge mandibles, which are approximately one half of its total body length.
There are about one million soldiers for every queen.

It doesn't have the kick of other insects,
however
They're stronger than even beetles and wasps.

The army is founded on "Queen's Rule"
The army ant is different.
It is the strongest on the ground.

It seems like people cannot help but to grovel and flatter me.
No matter who it is,
and my "Organi-zation"

Just like you are right now.

.....

She was my first friend.
I was isolated and shy in class and was afraid of strangers.

and before I knew it,
so I did whatever she asked me to do,
I was scared of losing her friendship

No, Kurosawa Sara is...
The boss is...

I was ordered to approach you, Fujii-san.
And then one day,
her slave.
I became
Did Kurosawa Sara..
CLENCH
.....
Since I just mindlessly followed the president.
No.
No exact details.
about why am I being targeted?
talk to Kuramoto-senpai
Is that so...
I-Is

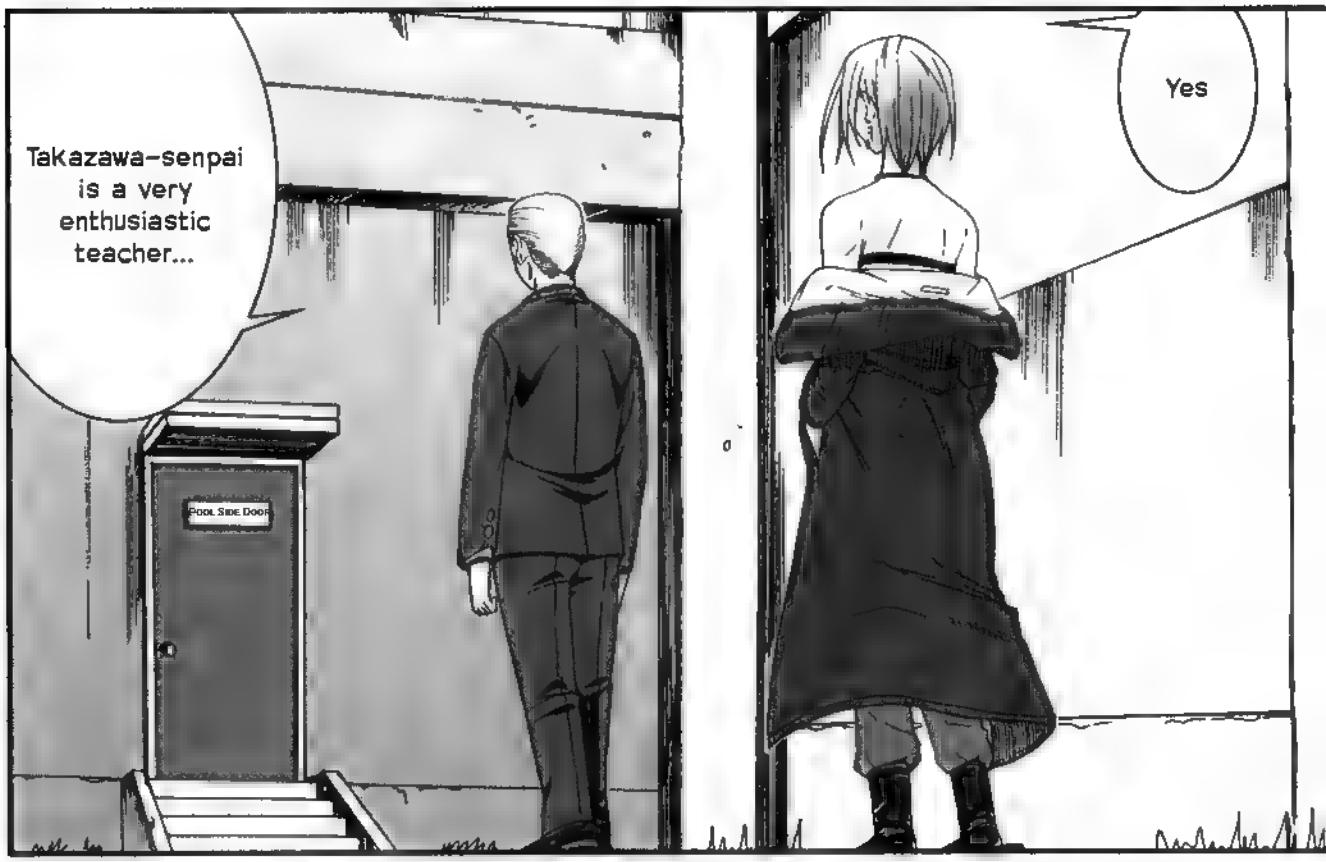
which means...
Their bags are still here
1-D

those two would be at?
Are there any other places

there is somewhere on my mind.
Well...

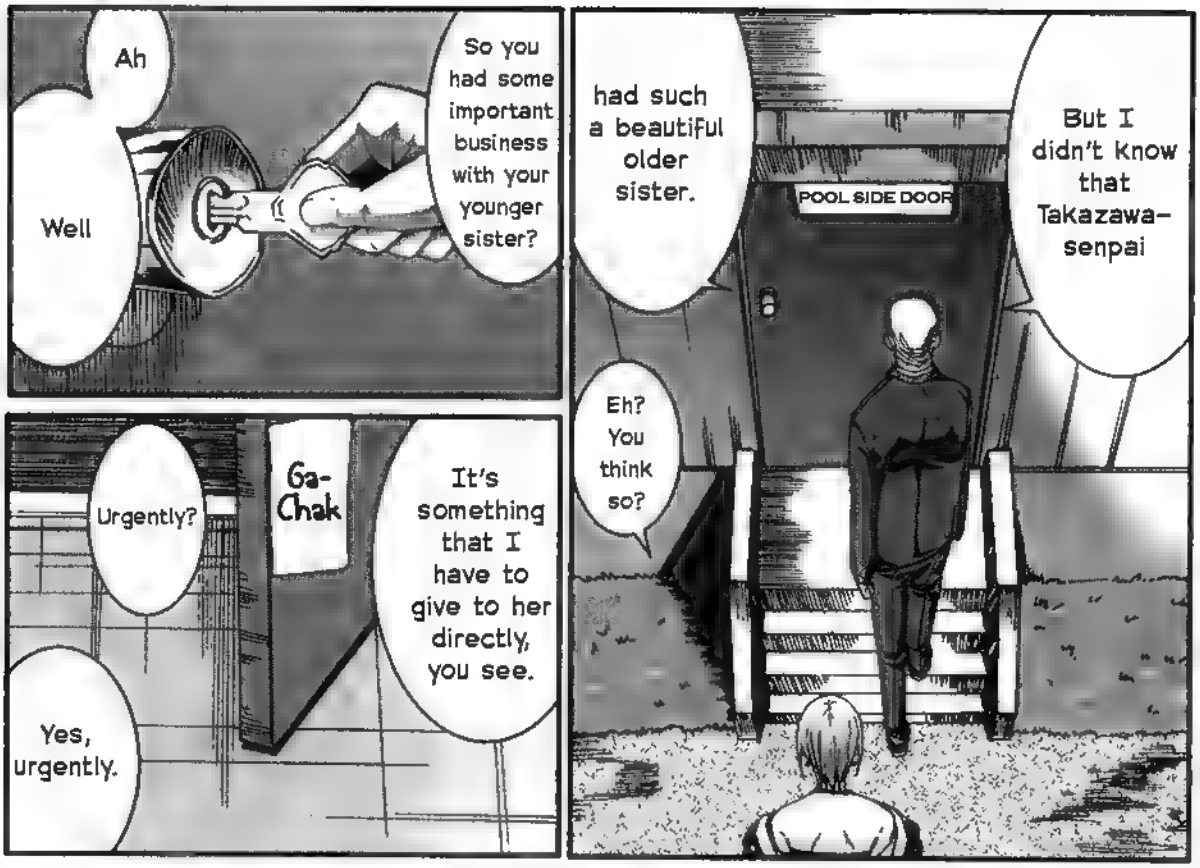
haven't returned to the classroom.
Tajima-san and Oki-san
Yeah...

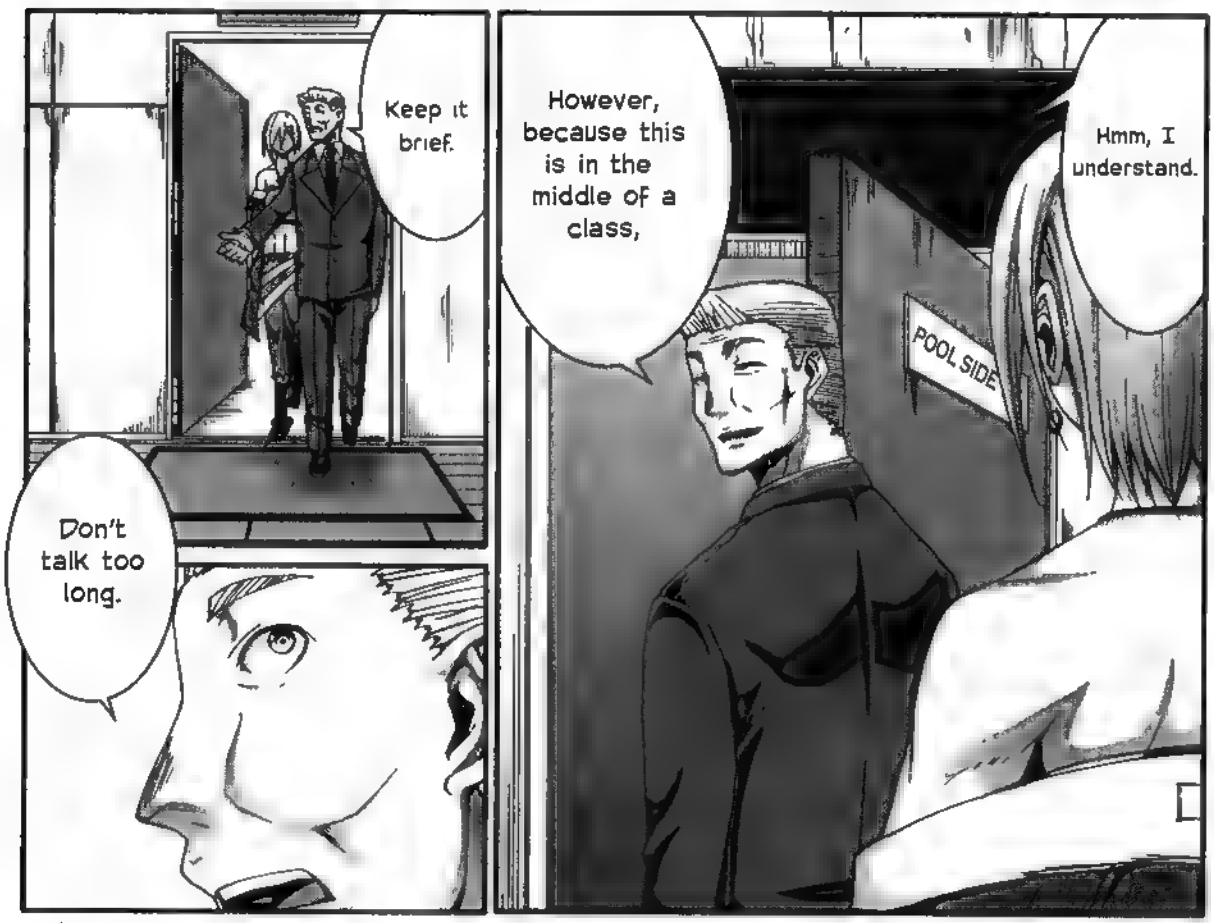
DANGER
HIGH
VOLTAGE
The pool?

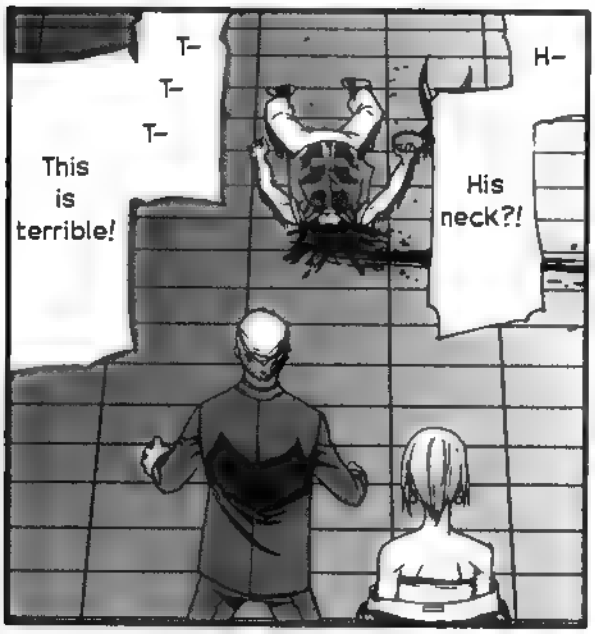

Takazawa-senpai is a very enthusiastic teacher...
POOL SIDE DOOR
Yes

I'm relieved.
You're doing your job properly too, Shinobu.
POOL SIDE D

For female students who can't swim.
She's using the pool for a remedial lesson


Ah
Well
So you had some important business with your younger sister?
had such a beautiful older sister.
But I didn't know that Takazawa-senpai
POOL SIDE DOOR
Eh? You think so?
Urgently?
Ga-Chak
It's something that I have to give to her directly, you see.
Yes, urgently.

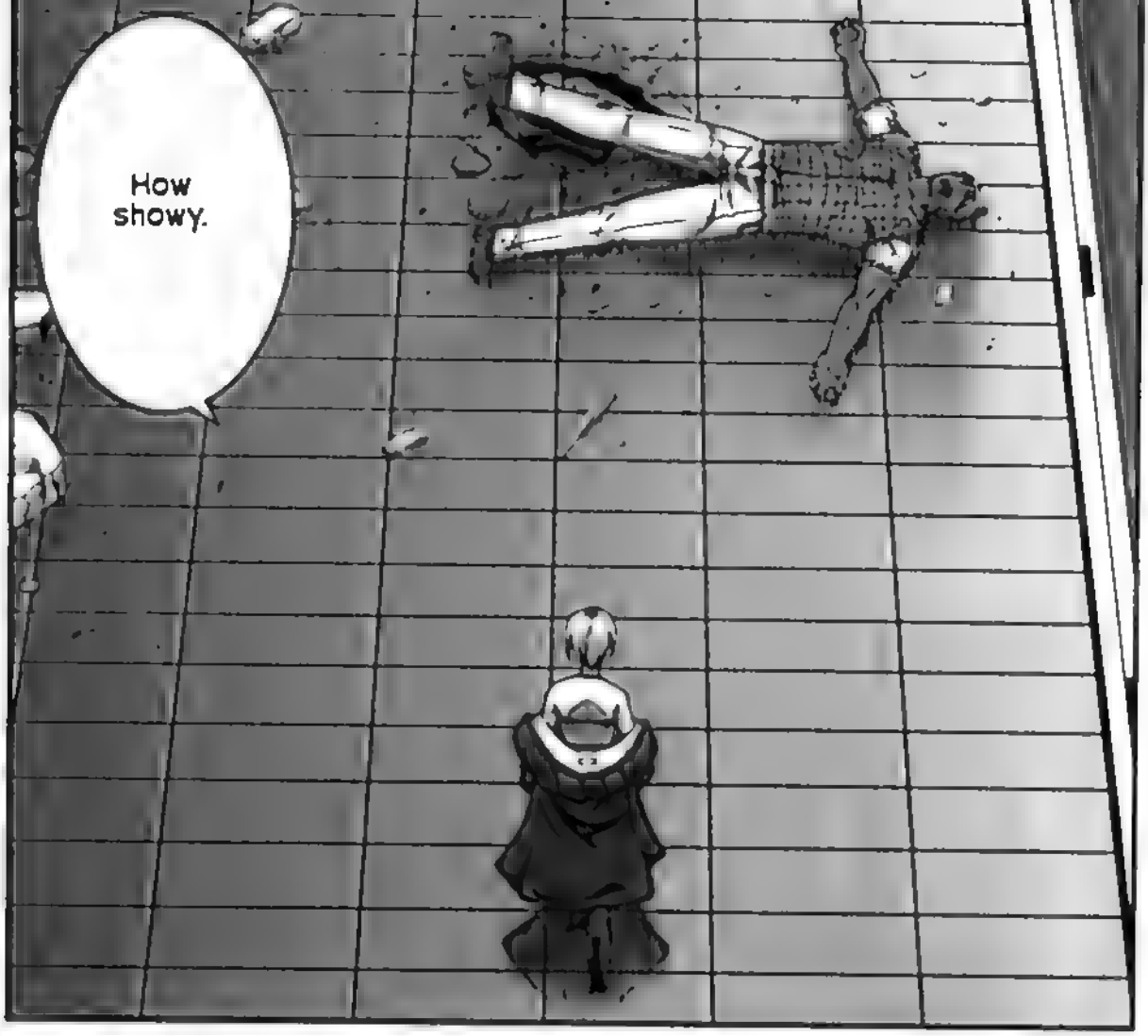

Keep it brief.
Don't talk too long.
However, because this is in the middle of a class,
Hmm, I understand.
POOL SIDE


T–
T–
T–
This is terrible!
H–
His neck?!

Call 119!
Q–
QUICK!

W–
W–
W–
W–
WHAT THE HELL?!

CRACK
Fwaaah..
But..


How showy.

Wake up
Are you pretending to be dead?

Riokku.
Oi,

Fuck.
Wake up already

Aaugh

CRACK

You were alive after all...
As expected,

Gah...
I...
Huh?
H-
Guh...

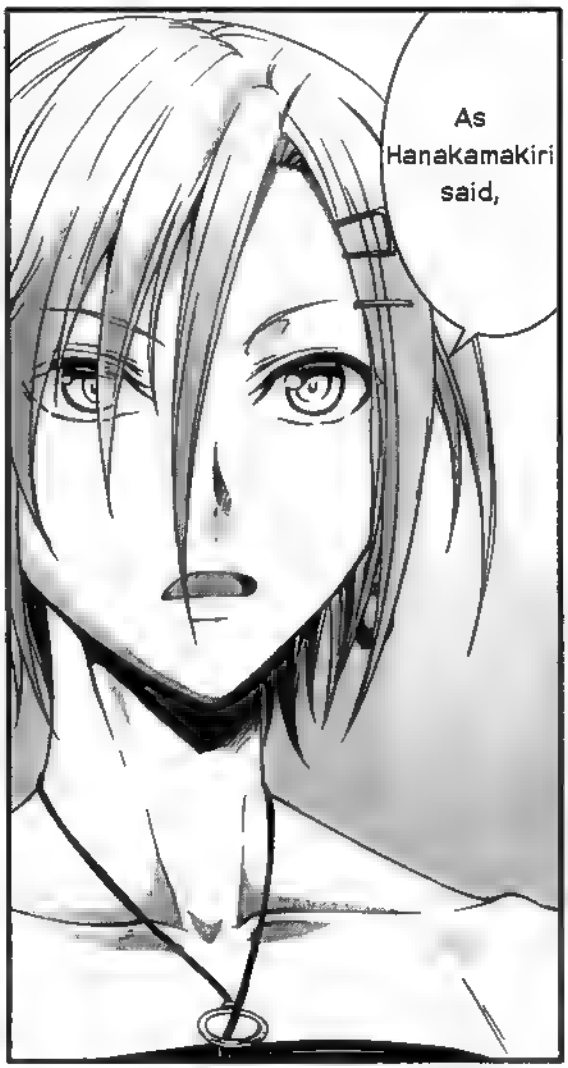
Imomushi ane-san?

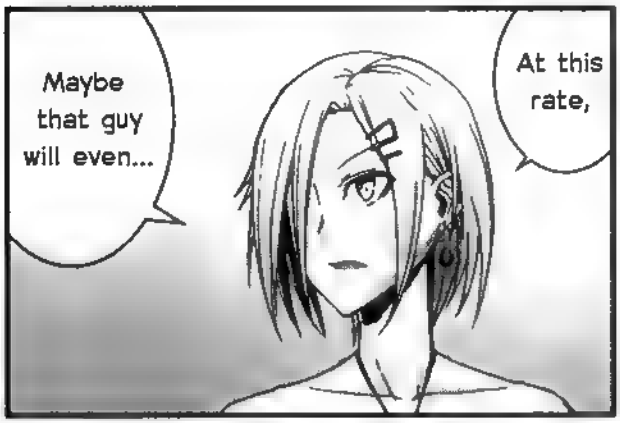
What are you, a little girl?
Idiot.

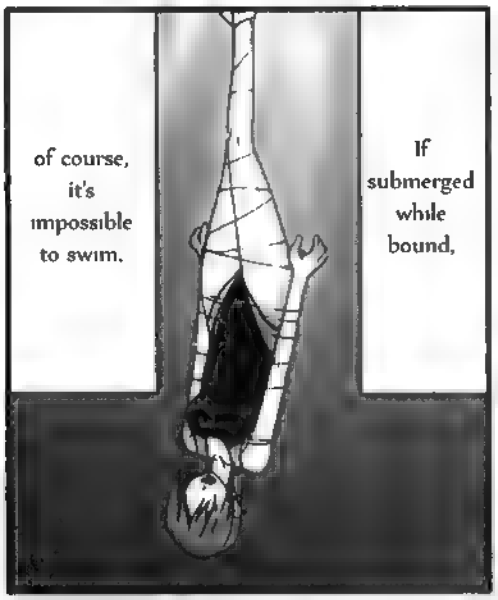
I wasn't done in!
I see.
No! You're wrong!
I bet the person that beat you up was more of a man...

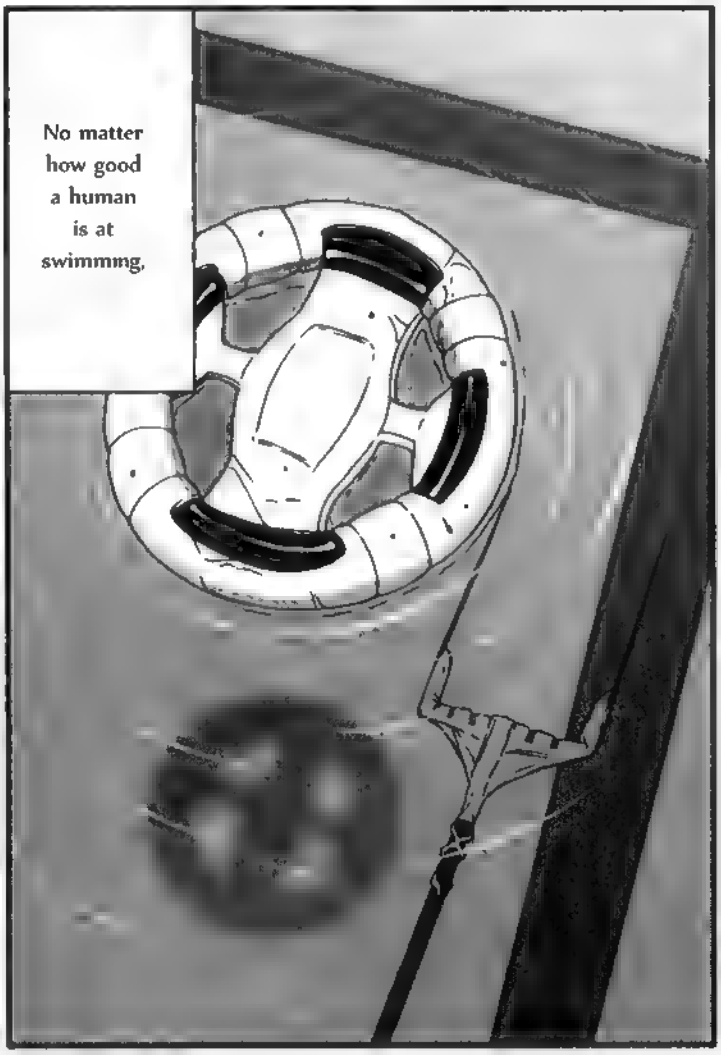
You're wrong!
Y-

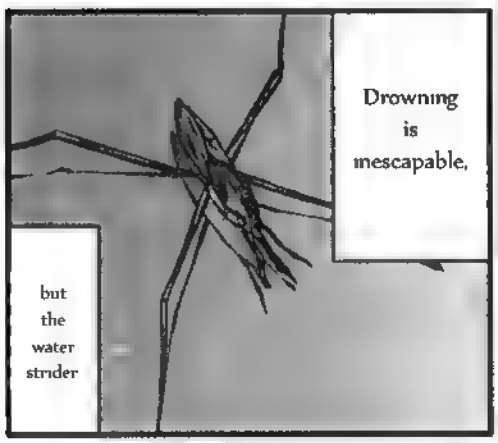
Is quite suspicious.
This site
現在の懸賞金額
7
億円
死亡者リスト

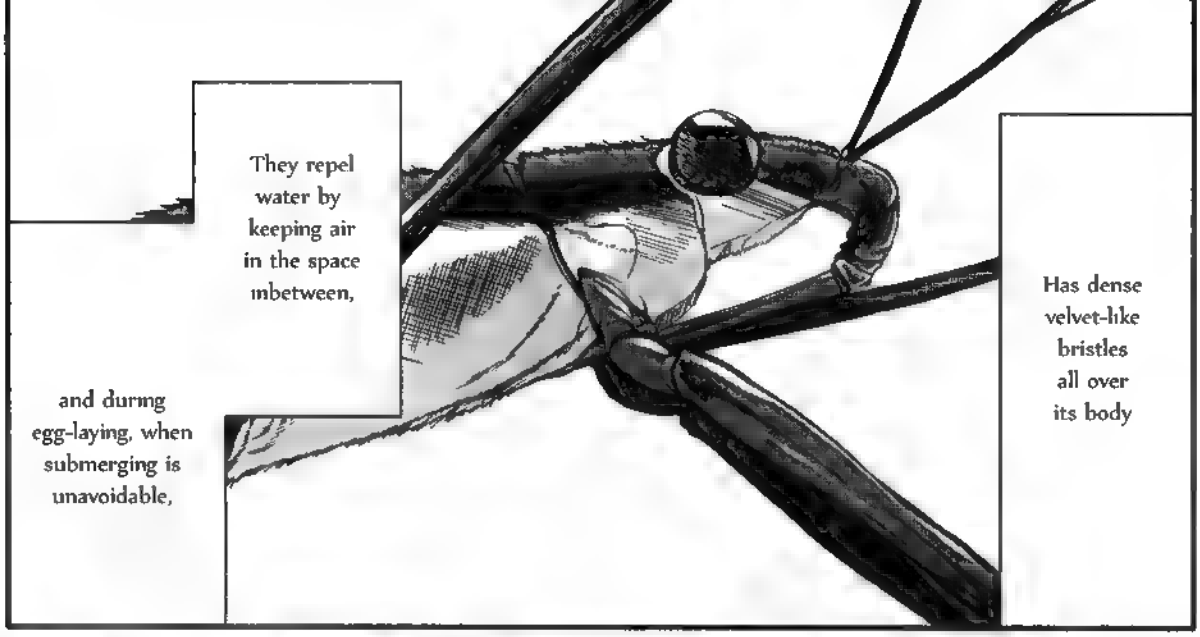

As Hanakamakiri said,

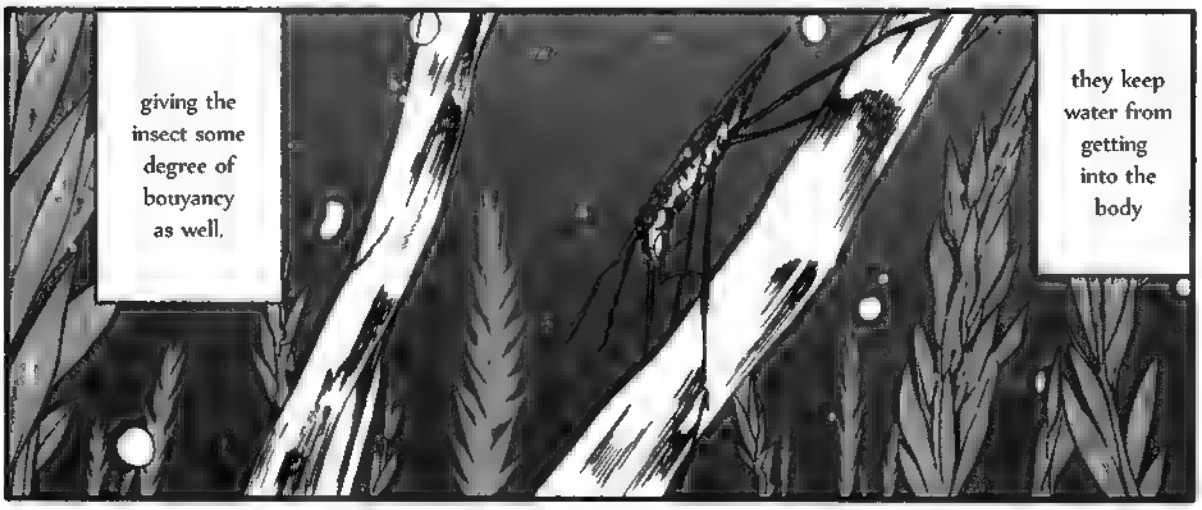

Maybe that guy will even...
At this rate,

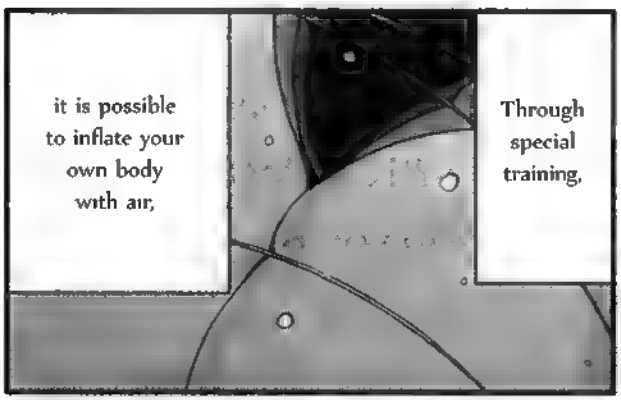

of course, it's impossible to swim.
If submerged while bound,

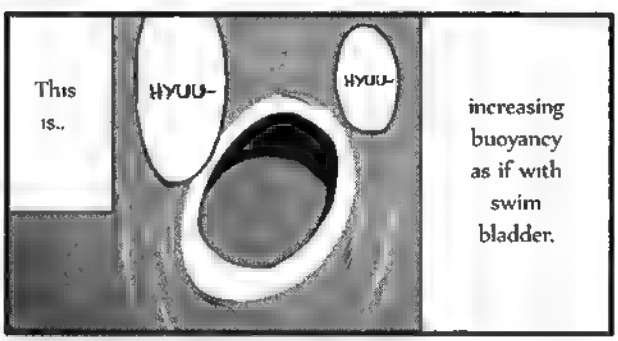

No matter how good a human is at swimmmg,


Drowning is inescapable,
but the water strider


They repel water by keeping air in the space inbetween,
and during egg-laying, when submerging is unavoidable,
Has dense velvet-like bristles all over its body


giving the insect some degree of bouyancy as well.
they keep water from getting into the body


it is possible to inflate your own body with air,
Through special training,


This is..
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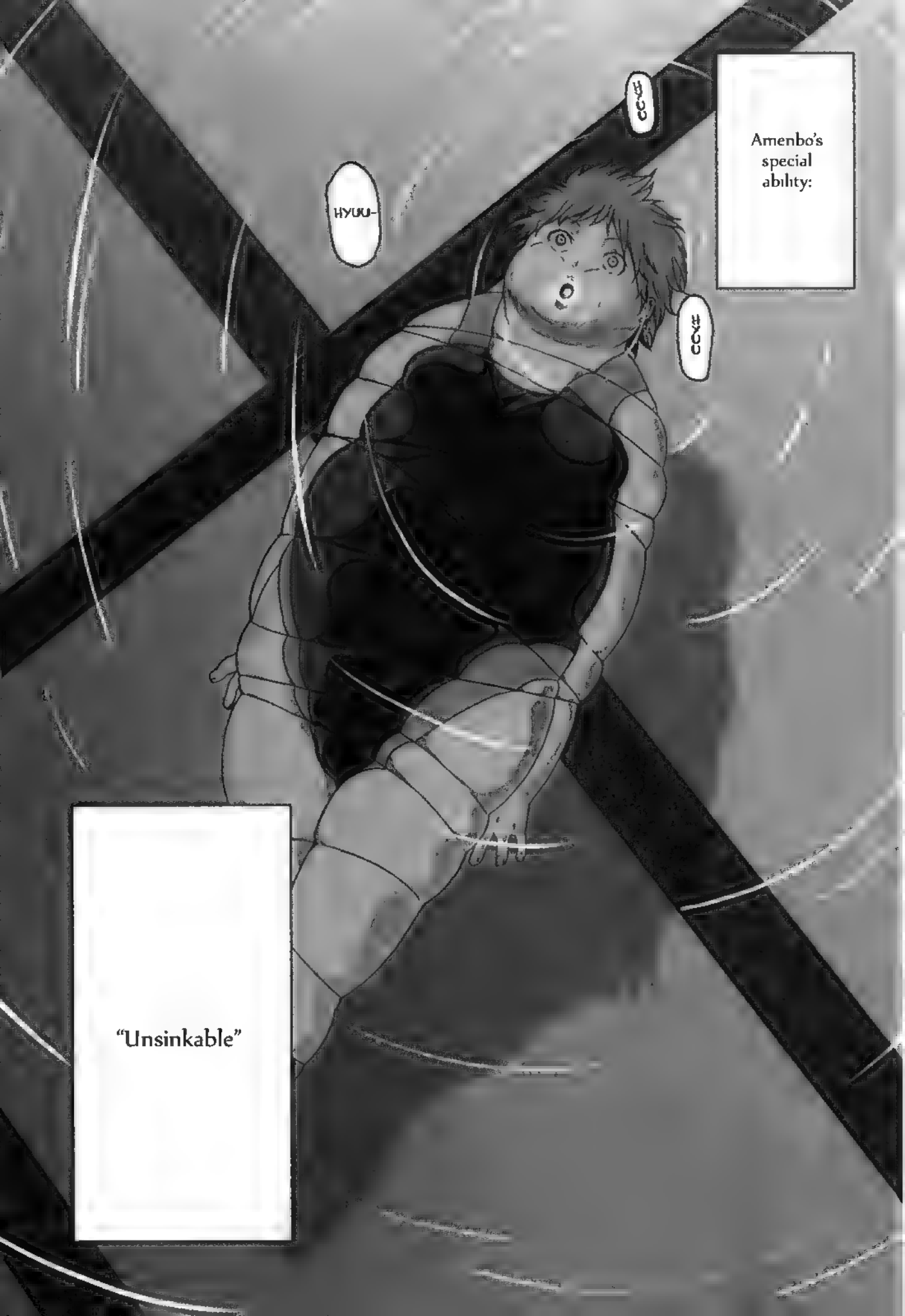
HYUU-
increasing buoyancy as if with swim bladder.

even though she was "Amenbo".
The physical education teacher, Takazawa Shinobu, lost to Fujii Alice


Amenbo's special ability:
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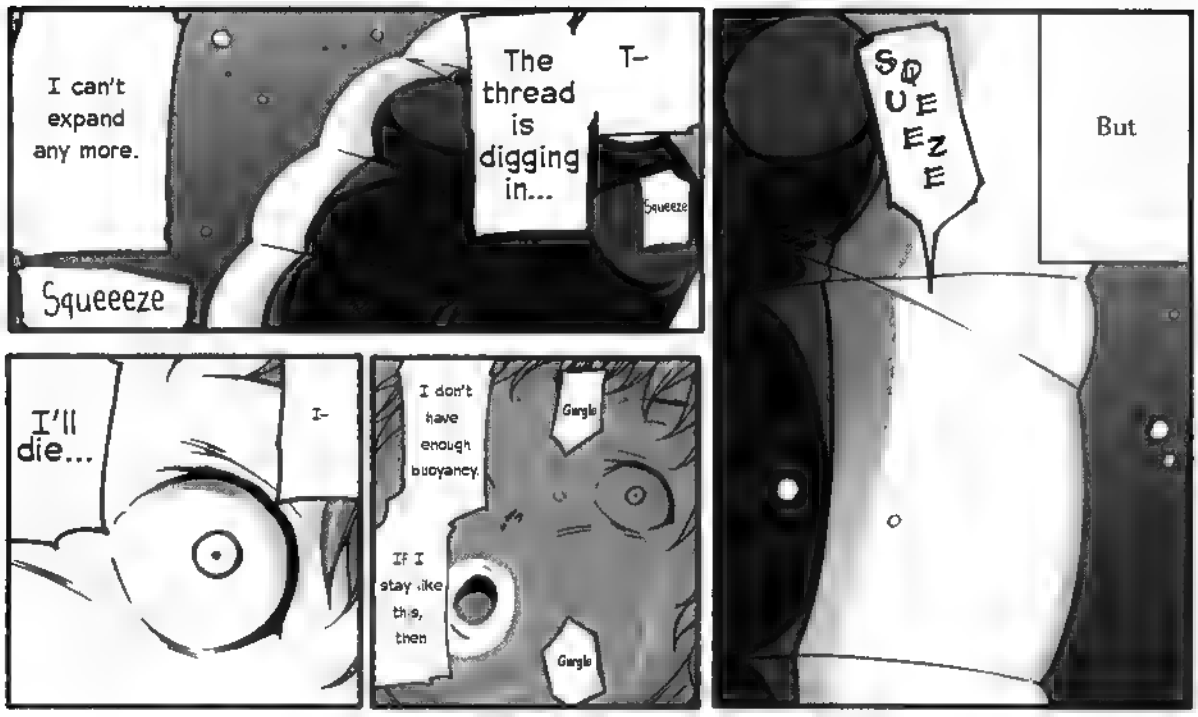
"Unsinkable"

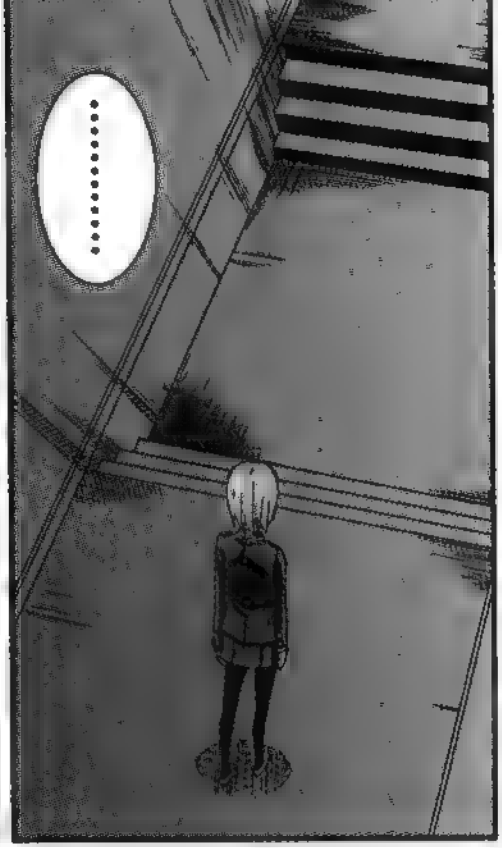

I can't expand any more.
Squeeeze
The thread is digging in...
T-
Squeeze
SQUEEZE
But
I'll die...
I-
I don't have enough buoyancy.
If I stay like this, then
Gurgle
Gurgle

What are you doing?
Geez...
SPLASH
As expected.
.....

WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM
Just now,
a noise came from the pool...
Y–
Yeah, that's right...
!

No! Don't!
I'll go and check it out...
The two of them might have come here after all.
I– I'll go and have a look by myself.
Ah, well,
.....
Y-Yes. I understand.
Okay?
Senpai, please stay here.

And also..
There might still be enemies at the pool.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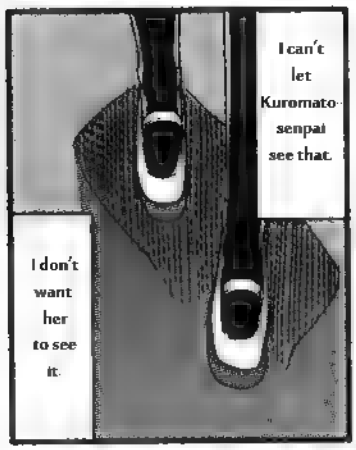
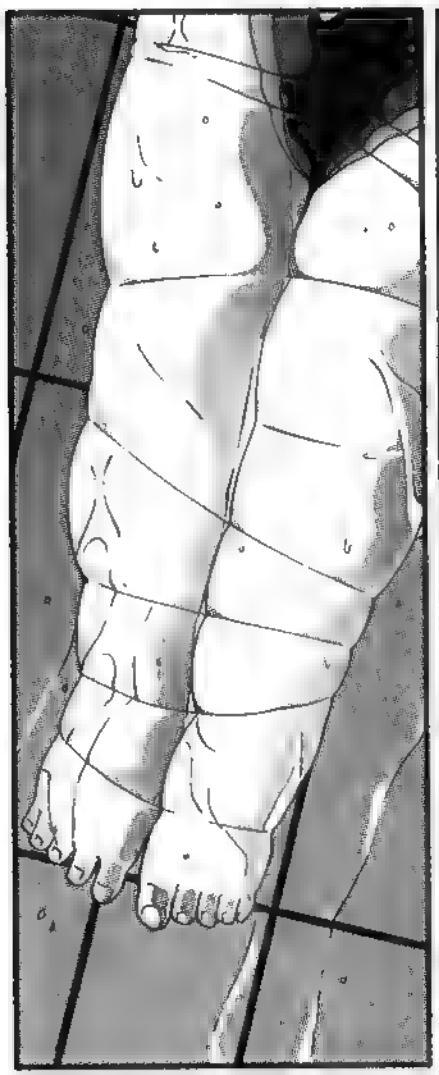

I can't let Kuromato-senpai see that.
I don't want her to see it.

Sensei's corpse is still there.



the person I murdered.
I don't want her to know about

SHUUUUUU
PSHUUUUU
Oh...

She shrunk.
Shuuu
Cool...

Are you even human?
How convenient.
Guess I never told you about it.

There's a little trick to this.
Hey, untangle me, won't you?

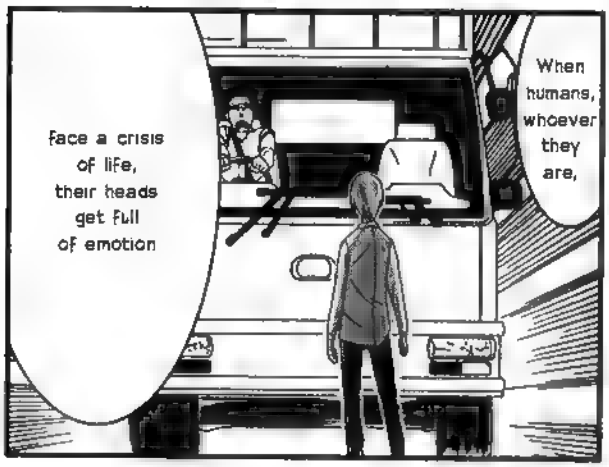
I thought I was going to die...
I...

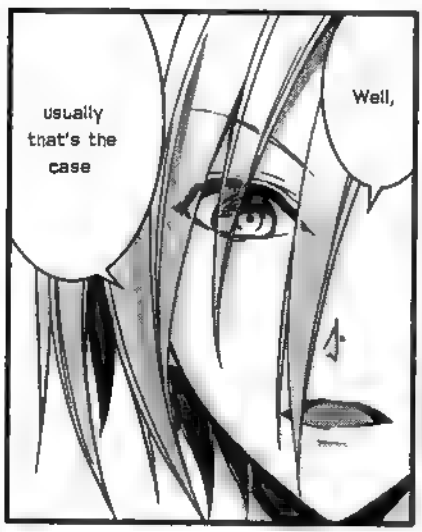
WHIZ
WHIZ
WHIZ
!!
Gimme a moment
If I say the "release" command.
Now it's in the "capture" mode, so
Because I've fought the master
of this filthy weapon before,
that's how.
That was amazing, Ane-san!
How did you learn to do that?
Fuwahh~
Alive again~...
Reducing Amenbo to blowing bubbles underwater
Gaining a one billion yen bounty

That girl was...
really be that strong?
Could Fujii Alice
A real killer.
Born to murder people.
Have you heard of "revolving lantern"?
What exactly do you mean?
What's this?

Yeah
In a word, it's rough.

I know about it.
They say that just before death you have a flashback


When humans, whoever they are,
face a crisis of life, their heads get full of emotion


Well,
usually that's the case

Fujii Alice is different.

Things like "formulating a plan" or "defeating your opponent"
are too complex.
It's as if you're completely vulnerable

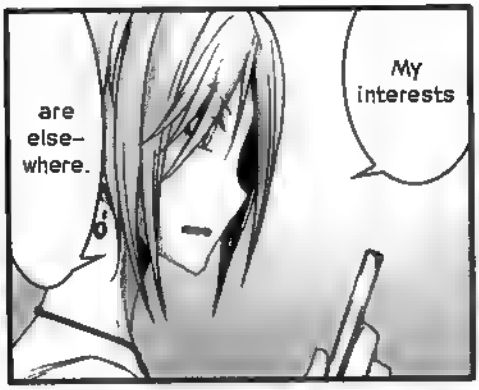
When you're forced into a dilemma,
Or rather,
when death is imminent,

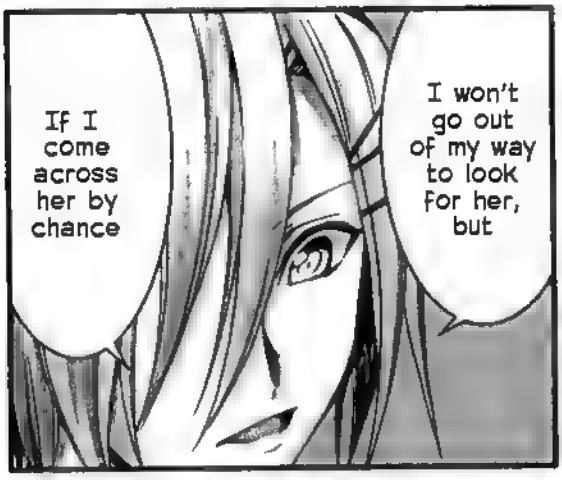
"Kill the person in front of you"
When you can focus only on that thought,

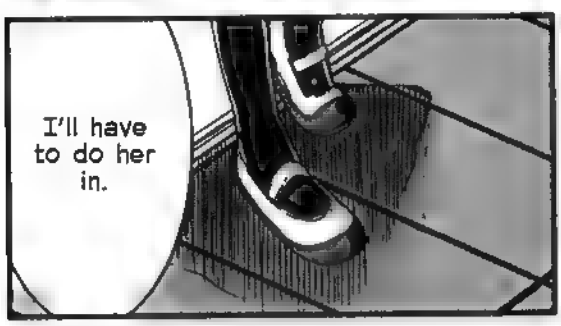
Not even for you.
there's no way to kill someone like that.
.....
There's no one Ane-san can't take out.
What are you saying?
Hmmm.
that really makes me want to try...
If you say you're so sure about it
It doesn't matter who it is.
That's impossible.

You didn't come to go "spider hunting"?
?

but it doesn't matter.
I have a separate agenda,


My interests are elsewhere.


If I come across her by chance
I won't go out of my way to look for her, but


I'll have to do her in.

Things like getting 800 million for killing one person are too delicious.
Fujii Alice

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